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Memoranda of the Annual Meetings.

Year.	Place.	Moderator.	Scribe.
1842	Jackson,	Rev. M. Garrison,	Rev. H. S. Hamilton.
1843	Grass Lake,	" O. C. Thompson,	" Luther Shaw.
1844	Marshall,	" S. Cochrane,	" Harvey Hyde.
1845	Detroit,	" Harvey Hyde,	" H. L. Hammond.
1846	Dexter,	" H. L. Hammond,	" G. L. Foster.
1847	Jackson,	" G. L. Foster,	" C. Lockwood.
1848	Ann Arbor,	" L. Smith Hobart,	" Harvey Hyde.
1849	Dexter,	" C. Lockwood,	" H. D. Kitchell.
1850	Kalamazoo,	" H. D. Kitchell,	" D. M. Bardwell.
1851	Clinton,	" A. S. Kedzie,	" E. M. Bartlett.
1852	Jackson,	" P. R. Hurd,	" L. Smith Hobart.
1853	Ann Arbor,	" J. H. Benton,	" H. L. Hammond.
1854	Detroit,	" J. D. Pierce,	" G. M. Tuthill.
1855	Kalamazoo,	" Thomas Jones,	" Hiram Elmer.
1856	Jackson,	" Hiram Elmer,	" P. R. Hurd.
1857	Owosso,	" Edward Taylor,	Dea. Dexter Mussey.
1858	Adrian,	" Joseph Anderson,	Mr. Henry S. Cubb.
1859	Detroit,	" Asa Mahan,	Rev. P. R. Hurd.
1860	Port Huron,	" S. S. N. Greeley,	" P. R. Hurd.
1861	Ann Arbor,	" H. A. Reed,	" Hiram Elmer.
1862	Grand Rapids,	" G. M. Tuthill,	" Henry Bates.
1863	Union City,	" John Patchin,	" Samuel Sessions.
1864	Detroit,	" James S. Hoyt,	" L. F. Waldo.
1865	Battle Creek,	" S. W. Streeter,	" L. F. Waldo.
1866	Jackson,	" Henry Bates,	" W. B. Williams.
1867	Kalamazoo,	" Wm. P. Russell,	" W. B. Williams.
1868	Port Huron,	" N. J. Morrison,	" Elizur Andrus.
1869	East Saginaw,	" Oliver S. Dean,	" F. P. Woodbury.
1870	Grand Rapids,	" J. G. W. Cowles,	" Orange H. Spoor.
1871	Romeo,	" William Platt,	" Warren F. Day.
1872	Hudson,	" Jesse W. Hough,	" E. G. Chaddock.
1873	Lansing,	" Orange H. Spoor,	" J. Wing Allen.
1874	Adrian,	" Henry L. Hubbell,	" B. D. Conkling.
1875	Kalamazoo,	" W. D. Love,	" J. Homer Parker.
1876	Pontiac,	" Warren F. Day,	" James L. Patton.
1877	Ann Arbor,	Hon. J. Webster Childs,	Hon. G. K. Newcomb.
1878	East Saginaw,	Rev. J. Morgan Smith,	Rev. C. O. Brown.
1879	Grand Rapids,	" A. Hastings Ross,	" Lucius O. Lee.
1880	Detroit,	" Miner W. Fairfield,	Dea. E. F. Grabil.
1881	Charlotte,	Hon. William Chamberlain,	" Amos Dresser, Jr.
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1910-1911.

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Form of Bequest.

I hereby will and bequeath to the Michigan Congregational Conference, incorporated in 1886, the sum of _____ dollars (\$-----) [or whatever personal or real estate the party may desire to give]; the same to be used by the said Conference according to its discretion [or the testator may specify the object or work to which the bequest shall be applied.]

The corporate name, as given above, should also be used in all legal and official documents.

The National Societies.

1. *American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions*—
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7. *Ministerial Relief*—
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ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION.

ARTICLE I.

The name of this corporation shall be the Michigan Congregational Conference.

ARTICLE II.

The object of this Conference is and shall be, in general, the propagation of the religious faith and ecclesiastical polity of the Congregational Churches in connection with the said Conference, and with "The National Council of the Congregational Churches of the United States," and for the carrying out of this object, the reception, holding, investing, reinvesting and disbursement of such moneys and properties as may be given or bequeathed to it for any purposes within the scope of the Conference and more particularly the following:—

- (1) The planting and nurturing of Sunday Schools of said faith and order.
- (2) The planting and aiding of churches of said faith and order.
- (3) The helping of churches of said faith and order in erecting houses of worship and parsonages.
- (4) The careful oversight of the churches of said faith and order in conjunction with advisory committees chosen by the local associations of churches.
- (5) The relief of disabled ministers of said faith and order and of their families.
- (6) The extension of Christianity in foreign lands; the furtherance of Christian education; and co-operation with all the benevolent interests of said faith and order.
- (7) The providing for the training and examination of such applicants for licensure and ordination within said faith and order as have not received the collegiate and seminary education.
- (8) The providing a bureau of ministerial supply.
- (9) The collection and preservation of results of councils, and of records, minutes, books, etc., pertaining to churches and ministers of said faith and order.
- (10) The doing of whatever else may foster the growth, or promote the welfare or the interests of said faith and order, not inconsistent with the laws of the State of Michigan or of the United States.

ARTICLE III.

Members.—SECTION 1. Every Congregational church connected with a local association in this State is entitled to representation in this Conference by its pastor, if a member in regular standing in some local association in this State, and by one delegate to be chosen by such church annually.

SEC. 2. All officers of the Conference, all ministers in regular standing in any Association and all who may be members of the Board of Trustees in regular standing during any part of the annual State meeting, are entitled to membership in the Conference.

ARTICLE IV.

Meetings.—The annual meeting of this Conference shall be held at such place as shall have been selected at the previous meeting, and shall begin on the third Tuesday in May, at 7:30 p. m.; if any exigency arise, which, in the unanimous opinion of the moderator, registrar and scribe, requires a special meeting of the Conference, or a change in either the time or place of the annual meeting thereof, it shall be competent for these officers to call such special meeting, or to make such change of time or place of holding the annual meeting, by giving thirty days' notice to the clerks of the churches and to the ministerial members. Notice of a special meeting must state its purpose.

ARTICLE V.

Quorum.—Thirty-five members shall be a quorum for the transaction of business.

ARTICLE VI.

Trustees.—The Board of Trustees of this Conference shall be composed of one representative from each local association of Congregational churches and ministers, one from each new association as formed, and four to be chosen from the state at large, provided that at least one-third of the entire number shall be laymen. They shall be elected by ballot on Wednesday, the second day of the meeting of the Conference. At the first election one-third shall be elected for a term of three years, one-third for two years and one-third for one year, and thereafter one-third for a term of three years and shall hold office until their successors are elected and qualified. No trustee shall be eligible for re-election after having served two consecutive terms until he shall have been out of office at least one year, it being construed that election for a portion of a term is equivalent to the full term. Said trustees shall annually elect ten members of their number as an Executive Committee, who shall have such power as may be vested in them by the Board of Trustees. The Board shall have power to fill vacancies in their membership until the next meeting of the Conference.

The Board of Trustees shall have charge of the property of the Conference, and shall transact either directly or through their Executive Committee, all of the affairs thereof, except as otherwise provided. They shall receive, hold, control, invest, reinvest and expend all the moneys or property given or bequeathed in trust or otherwise to the said Michigan Congregational Conference and shall apply the same, or the proceeds thereof, to the work of said Conference, or to such branch thereof as may be designated in the will, bequest or trust, in accordance with the laws of the State. The Trustees shall, by every means within their power, promote each and all of the objects of the Conference stated in Article II, and shall make annual report to the Conference of the administration of the funds, the work accomplished and the existing condition in each department of effort, and shall recommend such appropriation of moneys, the creation of such agencies and the initiation of such measures as in their judgment shall be best adapted to promote the interests of the said several departments. They shall carry into effect the action of the Conference upon their recommendations, but the appointment, oversight and control of all such agencies shall be vested in the Trustees and their Executive Committee, provided that any appointment of a superintendent shall be subject to confirmation of the Conference. A majority of the members elect of said Board shall constitute a quorum.

ARTICLE VII.

Said conference may hold real and personal property not to exceed in value the sum of \$100,000.00 to be devoted exclusively to the purposes set forth in Article II.

ARTICLE VIII.

These Articles may be amended at any regular meeting of the Conference by a two-thirds vote of the members present, due notice having been given at the previous annual meeting, designating the subject and article to be affected.

ARTICLE IX.

The term of existence of this corporation is fixed at thirty years from the twelfth day of May, A. D. 1886.

CONSTITUTION.

PREAMBLE.

The Michigan Congregational Conference in voluntary fellowship for the promotion of the Church of Christ through common consecration and co-operation, makes confession of its devout faith in one God, our Father in Heaven, who has manifested himself to the world in Jesus Christ, His Son, our Lord, and in living fellowship abides in His children through His Spirit, our guide and comforter; and, believing that the principles of the Congregational system of church government are best adapted to the promotion of the welfare of the Christian church, and believing, moreover, that the extension and efficiency of the system would be greatly promoted by organizing a general Conference of the Congregational churches and ministers of Michigan, we therefore, to form such a Conference adopt the following

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I.

Name.—This Ecclesiastical Organization shall be called The Michigan Congregational Conference.

ARTICLE II.

Object.—The object of this Conference shall be as stated in the Articles of Association. It will aim to promote Christian fellowship among its members; to obtain and disseminate information relative to the churches throughout the State, our country and the world; and, by prayers, counsels and faithful efforts, to advance the cause of truth and holiness, but it shall exercise no ecclesiastical control or authority over the churches and ministers belonging to it.

ARTICLE III.

Membership.—SECTION 1. The membership of this Conference shall be set forth in the Articles of Association.

SEC. 2. Any member of full legal age of any Congregational church connected with a local association in the State shall be eligible to election to any office in the Conference.

ARTICLE IV.

Officers.—SECTION 1. The officers of this conference shall be a moderator, assistant moderator, scribe, and auditor, elected annually by ballot, and an assistant scribe chosen *viva voce* at each meeting. There shall also be a registrar and a treasurer elected triennially by ballot.

Duties of Officers.—SEC. 2. (1) The duties of moderator, assistant moderator, scribe and auditor shall be such as usually pertain to these offices.

(2) It shall be the duty of the registrar to keep a true record of all meetings and transactions of the Conference; to give due notice of the time and place of each meeting; to furnish churches with schedules for annual reports; to receive and distribute all schedules of statistics, programs and year books; to superintend the publishing of the minutes, and such other printing connected with his department as the Conference may order. He shall furnish the Conference, the Board of Trustees, the Executive Committee, and the local associations any information required by them on all matters relating to his department. For these services he shall receive such compensation as the trustees shall direct.

(3) The registrar of each local association shall be requested by conference with the advisory committee of that association, or by correspondence with the churches, to gather and send to the registrar of this Conference, after the meeting of the local association next preceding the meeting of this Conference, such a statement of the facts regarding the progress of the churches and the methods of their life and work as he may be able to gather, and the registrar shall, from these statements and from other available sources, present to the Conference such a general view of methods, of efforts and of progress, or the contrary, as he shall judge best fitted to stimulate the life and work of the churches of the State.

(4) The treasurer shall receive all moneys, shall be the custodian of all funds, and shall disburse the same upon the order of the Board of Trustees or their Executive Committee. He shall make an annual report of his doings to the Conference, accompanied by the auditor's certificate of the correctness of his accounts. He shall also give bonds for the faithful discharge of his duties in such sum as the Board of Trustees shall require and his compensation shall be determined by vote of the trustees.

ARTICLE V.

Meetings.—The annual meeting of this Conference shall be held at such place as shall have been selected at the previous meeting, and shall begin on the third Tuesday of May, at 7:30 p. m., and continue to such hour as the Business Committee may determine. If any exigency shall arise, which, in the unanimous opinion of the moderator, registrar and scribe, requires a special meeting of this body, or change in either the time or place of the annual meeting thereof, it shall be competent for these officers to call such special meeting, or to make such change upon giving thirty days' notice to the clerks of the churches and to the ministerial members. Notice of a special meeting must state its purpose.

ARTICLE VI.

Quorum.—Thirty-five members shall be a quorum for the transaction of business.

ARTICLE VII.

Trustees.—The number, method of election, powers and duties of the trustees shall be as prescribed in the articles of association of the Conference. They shall also have power to appoint, subject to the confirmation of the Conference, a Superintendent, who shall not be a member of the board, and who shall hold office during the pleasure of the board, but not for more than one year upon one appointment. The Board of Trustees or their Executive Committee shall also have power to fill any vacancy in

any of the offices or committees of the Conference until the next annual meeting of the Conference.

It shall also be the function of this board to act as a consulting body and bureau of information in regard to all of the Congregational interests of the State; to co-operate with and supplement the work of the advisory committees in the local associations; to gather and keep on file all available information in regard to churches and ministers; to advise in matters submitted to them by the local associations their advisory or other committees, or by the churches and ministers; and in general, to unify and strengthen the churches, to elevate the standard of the ministry, and to promote the spirit of Christian fellowship. *Provided*, that in no way shall their action limit or interfere with the rights and liberties of the local churches.

It shall also be the duty of this board to keep in close touch with Christian institutions of learning, and to seek, by active measures, to inspire and promote in our churches, schools and homes, the gathering of worthy and competent recruits for the ministry.

ARTICLE VIII.

Superintendent.—A superintendent shall be appointed by the Trustees, at their meeting next preceding the annual meeting of the Conference, and subject to confirmation by the Conference, who shall have general oversight and direction of the work in the State, modified and restricted only by the powers given to the Trustees or their Executive Committee and such rules as they may adopt. The superintendent shall receive such compensation as may be fixed by the Trustees, subject to the approval of the Conference.

ARTICLE IX.

Committees.—SECTION 1. There shall be elected a Business Committee of six, three of whom shall serve for two years, three for one year, and thereafter three shall be chosen annually for a term of two years. One of the committee shall be the minister of the church with which the Conference votes next to meet. It shall be the duty of this Committee to arrange for and prepare a program and order of business for all meetings to be held by the Conference, and place a docket of the same in the hands of the moderator. Any member may introduce items of business but all business not previously submitted to the Business Committee shall be referred to this committee to be reported on before final adjournment.

SEC. 2. There shall be a Nominating Committee of four, to be elected by ballot, two to serve two years, two to serve one year, and thereafter two to be chosen annually for a term of two years, whose duty it shall be to make all nominations not otherwise provided for, and to keep a record of all the nominations confirmed by the Conference in a book to be provided by the registrar.

SEC. 3. An Obituary Committee of three shall be chosen annually, who shall make a fit report to this Conference of the service of those ministers who at their death were, or long had been, members of the body, and such lay members as had rendered conspicuous service to our churches.

SEC. 4. Such other committees as may be needed shall be appointed by the Conference or by the Board of Trustees, and any member of full legal age of any Congregational church within the State shall be eligible for such service.

ARTICLE X.

National Council.--This Conference appreciating the fellowship of the churches, and the need of comprehensive plans for advancing the Redeemer's Kingdom, will be represented by delegates in the National Council of Congregational Churches.

ARTICLE XI.

Amendments.--This constitution may be changed or amended at any regular meeting of the Conference by a two-thirds vote of the members present, provided notice shall have been given at the previous annual meeting, designating the subject and article to be affected.

BY-LAWS.

1. *Organization.*—The annual meeting shall be opened by the moderator or assistant, or, in their absence, the registrar or the minister of the church with which the Conference meets shall call the members to order, and shall preside until a moderator pro tem is chosen. Wednesday morning the Conference shall be organized by making a roll of members and electing scribes for the meeting. The moderator and assistant moderator shall be elected on the last day of the meeting and shall serve through the year and until their successors are elected.

2. *Roll.*—On the first evening of the meeting the registrar shall circulate and collect cards on which the ministers and delegates entitled to membership shall write their names, together with the names, respectively of their church and local associations. The registrar shall, from these cards, complete the roll and report such early the next day.

3. *Advisory Members.*—Only the business committee shall propose the names of advisory members.

4. *Conduct of Business.*—(1) Each session shall be opened and closed with prayer. The minutes shall be read for approval on the morning of each day and at the close of the meeting.

(2) The usage of like deliberative bodies shall be observed in the conduct of business, except as otherwise provided.

(3) When a motion is under debate, no motion shall be received except for adjournment, amendment, postponement, commitment division of the question, yeas and nays, or the previous question, viz.: SHALL THE MAIN QUESTION NOW BE PUT? and these motions, except for amendment, shall not be debated.

(4) In debate, no member, without leave of the body, shall speak more than ten minutes, nor more than once while others wish to occupy the floor.

5. *Apportionment.*—It is recommended that each local association pay, through its registrar to the treasurer of this Conference, at its annual meeting, whatever money may remain unpaid, of the amount apportioned to the churches of such association.

6. *Committees.*—Members of committees holding over from year to year shall be *ex officiis* members of the Conference during their term of office.

7. *Delegates to the National Council.*—At each meeting of this Conference previous to a National Council, and on the third day of the meeting, delegates and alternates, half of each to be laymen, shall be chosen by ballot to represent the churches of this state in the next National Council. Vacancies that occur in the delegation may be filled by the business committee; but, in case this committee fail to appoint, the vacancies shall be filled by the delegation present at the session of the Council. And it shall be the duty of any delegate who may not be able to attend said Council, to notify, at his earliest convenience, the person first named on the business committee.

8. *Roll to be Furnished Nominating Committee.*—It shall be the duty of the registrar, early in the session of the body, to furnish the nominating committee a copy of the roll of members.

9. *Suspension of Rules.*—Any of these rules, except the tenth, may be suspended by a vote of two-thirds of the members present.

10. *Amendment of Rules.*—Any motion to amend or repeal any rule of this body may be read on two different days, and may be debated at each reading. At the first reading the question shall be: SHALL IT BE READ A SECOND TIME?

RESOLUTION.

Resolution adopted at the annual meeting May 18-20, 1909: That the annual meeting of the Board of Trustees be held as a stated policy a day before the meeting of the State Conference for consultation and for action upon such matters as shall require attention.

RECOMMENDATION.

In accordance with the provisions of the Articles of Association and the Constitution of the Michigan Congregational Conference it is recommended to the churches and local associations that provision be made for the appointment of local advisory committees in the associations to act in conjunction with the trustees of the state body; it is also recommended that provision be made according to specifications given herewith for the examination, licensure and ordination of candidates for the ministry.

These recommendations pertain first to the appointment of local association advisory committees. It is recommended:

I. That each local association appoint a committee, to be called the Advisory Committee, consisting of five members, of which the Moderator and Registrar of the associations shall be members *ex officiis*, and three other members, to be elected at the annual meeting, as follows: At the first election one member to be elected for one year, one for two years and one for three years; and thereafter one to be elected each year to serve three years. It is urged that special care be taken to secure the most competent membership for the Committee.

II. The functions of this Committee to be—

1. To know the churches and ministers within the bounds of the association, their character, needs, and conditions, and to keep a record of the same corrected to date and filed with the registrar.

2. To hold itself in readiness at all times to assist, inform, advise, and suggest, upon request, in cases where a change of pastorate, the organization of a church, the consolidation of fields or other exigencies affecting the common welfare of our churches, may call for such action.

3. To be in active and constant communication with the Board of Trustees of the State Conference; filing with it its local information; gathering from its larger files wider information; reporting to it at once any changes in fields or men; making investigation at its request, and aiding in all possible ways its effort to know our Congregational life.

4. To act in conjunction with the pastor of the church where a meeting of the association is to be held, as the program committee; with

a view to suggesting, from its knowledge of the field, vital and practical topics, presenting plans of progress or extension, and increasing the interest among both clerical and lay members of our churches, in the meetings and work of the association.

5. To be the Missionary Committee of the association.

These recommendations pertain second, to ordination and examination on the Course of Study.

I. Inasmuch as under our present system ministerial standing vests in the local association, it is recommended that to the same body be accorded the function of passing, after due examination, upon the credentials and fitness of candidates for ordination. It is suggested that the procedure be as follows:

1. A church, seeking to induct into its pastorate a man who has not been ordained, may present the candidate for examination at a meeting of the local association with which the church is connected; notice of such intention having been previously given to the Registrar and printed on the program of the association meeting.

2. The said association to examine the candidate thus presented in regard to his intellectual, moral and spiritual fitness for the ministry, and if approved, to present a certificate of such approval to him and to the church presenting him.

3. Upon the basis of such certificate the church to proceed, either then or thereafter, to the ordination of the candidate through a council of fellowship; the same being either the association or a group of churches selected by the church and the candidate.

II. Inasmuch as this Conference has provided a course of study for those applicants for ordination who have not received collegiate and seminary education, it is recommended that, for the sake of uniformity, the examination of candidates on this course of study be conducted by a committee of the State Conference; and that the certificate of said committee that he has completed this course satisfactorily shall be required in all such cases by the local associations before it proceed to his examination for ordination.

COURSE OF STUDY.

Resolution adopted at the annual meeting May 18-20, 1909: We endorse the resolution from your Committee on Examination and Course of Study that all Licentiates appear for examination at the annual meeting of the Conference before the Central Committee. We further recommend that such Licentiates be enrolled as First Year, Second Year, Third Year candidates as the case may be, and that they be held to the Course of Study in such a way that it may be completed within the prescribed period.

The Course is divided into two parts, covering topics for examination and books for reading. It is arranged for three periods of one year each.

FIRST YEAR.

Study Course.—Scott & Denney's Elementary, English Composition;

Willett & Campbell's The Teachings of the Books; Gilbert's Student's Life of Jesus; Kent's History of the Hebrew People. Vols. 1 and 2; Dexter's Story of the Pilgrims; A Written Sermon.

Reading Course—Beecher's Yale Lectures on Preaching; Butterfield's Chapters in Rural Progress; Lawrence's How to Conduct a Sunday School; Gladden's The Church and Modern Life; Crooker's The Church of Today; Dewhurst's The Investment of Truth.

SECOND YEAR.

Study Course—Stevens' Biblical Theology of New Testament; Kautzsch's History of the Literature of the Old Testament; Kent's History of the Jewish People, Vols. 3 and 4; Clark's An Outline of Christian Theology, Part I-III; Fisher's History of the Christian Church to the Modern Era; Essay Covering Rauschenbusch's "Christianity and the Social Crisis."

Reading Course—Mead's Modern Methods in Church Work; Davenport's Primitive Traits in Religious Revivals; Gordon's Through Man to God; Leonard's One Hundred Years of Missions.

THIRD YEAR.

Study Course.—Matthews' History of the Old Testament Times; Piepenbring's Theology of Old Testament; Clarke's An Outline of Christian Theology, Part IV-VI; Fisher's History of the Christian Church from the Modern Era; Dunning's Congregationalism in America; Essay on the History of the Doctrine of the Atonement.

Reading Course.—Munger's Life of Bushnell; Nash's Genesis of the Social Conscience; King's The Seeming Unreality of the Spiritual Life; Coe's The Spiritual Life; Hamlin's Life and Times.

LETTERS-MISSIVE AND OTHER FORMS.

1. LETTER-MISSIVE OF A LOCAL CHURCH TO A LOCAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE EXAMINATION OF A CANDIDATE FOR ORDINATION.

The Church in -----

To the Churches composing the ----- Association.

Greeting:

DEAR BRETHREN—This church led by its best judgment and, as it believes with the Divine approval, desires, to present Mr. ----- to the Association at its forthcoming meeting in ----- on the ----- of ----- 19----, as a candidate for Ordination to the Christian Ministry; and requests that he may be examined at that time in regard to his intellectual, moral and spiritual fitness for that office, and if approved, that he may be granted the customary certificate.

Wishing you grace, mercy and peace, we are yours in the fellowship of the churches.

} Committee.

NOTE 1. This letter is to be sent to the registrar of the association at least three weeks previous to the meeting of the association at which time it is desired that action be taken, and by him read to the churches convened.

2. If the church wishes the candidate to be ordained by the association at the same session in which he has been examined, it may add the following clause to the above letter.

“And the church farther requests that the association proceed at this same session to the formal service of ordination.”

3. Notice of the examination, and of the ordination, if that is to take place at the same session, should be printed in the program of the association meeting; hence the necessity of three weeks' notice to the registrar.

4. If it is necessary, for any pressing reason, to call a special meeting of the association for the examination of a candidate, a request that such a meeting be called should be sent to the registrar, and when it is called by the moderator and registrar, and the date assigned, the above letter should be sent to the registrar at least two weeks before the time set for the meeting.

II. LETTER-MISSIVE TO THE CHURCHES FOR AN ORDAINING COUNCIL.

(To be sent to the churches of the Association with which the church issuing it is connected, or, if preferred, to a group of churches selected by the said church and the candidate for ordination.)

The ----- Church in -----

To the ----- Church in -----

Greeting:

DEAR BRETHREN—This church having presented Mr. ----- to the ----- Association for examination, and said

Association having duly examined and approved him as qualified to become a Christian minister, we hereby invite your attendance, by your pastor and a delegate, at our house of worship on 19 at o'clock, to examine our proceedings in the case and if approved to assist us in the service of ordination.

Wishing you grace, mercy and peace, we are yours in the fellowship of the churches.

} Committee.

The other churches invited are:

(If it is the churches of the Association, it is only necessary to state that fact; if it is a selected group of churches, they should all be named; if it is the churches of the Association, with the addition of others, name the additional ones.)

III. ORDINATION CERTIFICATE OF ASSOCIATION.

This certifies that Mr. having been examined by this Association, at a meeting held on the of 19, at as to his preparation and qualifications for the ministry of our Congregational Churches, is hereby approved and recommended for ordination.

(Signed)

....., Moderator.

....., Registrar.

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IV. CERTIFICATE OF EXAMINING COMMITTEE OF STATE CONFERENCE.

(Authorized to examine applicants for ordination who have taken the course of study prescribed by the Conference.)

This certifies that Mr. having been examined by this Committee relative to his studies in connection with the course prescribed by the Michigan Congregational Conference, is found to have pursued the same faithfully and understandingly; and he is hereby approved as a candidate for the ordination examination of the local Association.

(Signed)

} Committee.

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PROGRAM.

Moderator, Rev. Mac H. Wallace, Detroit, Presiding.

WEDNESDAY EVENING, JUNE 8.

7:30—Devotional Service.

Sermon—A Dynamic versus a Doctrine,

Rev. W. H. Walker, South Haven

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper { Rev. Wm. H. Warren, Detroit

Rev. W. H. Shannon, South Haven

Offering for Ministerial Relief Fund

THURSDAY MORNING, JUNE 9.

8:30—Business Session

Organization

Report of Registrar on the State of the Churches

Report of Superintendent

Report of Treasurer

Report of Board of Trustees

Report of Committees

Election of Trustees

10:00—Devotional Service—The Pastor's Burden,

Rev. W. H. Walker, South Haven

10:30—Methods of Securing Increased Efficiency of the Church

a. Report of the Committee Rev. A. Hadden, Muskegon

b. When May a Church Be Said to Have Failed,

Rev. J. F. Halliday, Greenville

c. The Local Church and the Denomination,

Rev. W. D. Ogg, Lowell

Discussion.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON, JUNE 9.

2:00—Business.

Report of the Committee on Interdenominational Comity.

3:00—Devotional Service—The Unseen Presence in the Christian Assembly Rev. David L. Holbrook, Union City

3:30—The Apportionment Plan in Theory and Practice,

a. The Plan Supt. J. W. Sutherland

b. The Local Church and the Association,

Rev. M. J. Norton, Three Oaks

Discussion.

THURSDAY EVENING, JUNE 9.

7:30—The American Board Rev. J. H. Dickson, Ceylon

FRIDAY MORNING, JUNE 10.

8:30—Business
 Election of Moderator and Assistant Moderator
 Election of Delegates to the National Council
 9:15—Annual Meeting of the Michigan Home Missionary Society
 9:30—Devotional Service Rev. F. Bagnall, Hart
 10:00—The Home Field
 a. The City Pastor's Opportunity in the Country
 Rev. H. A. Putnam, Charlevoix
 b. Laying Foundations Rev. A. A. Allington, Traverse City
 c. The Church in Touch with its Environment
 Rev. C. W. Clemo, Honor
 d. Holding the Fort Rev. W. H. Skentlebury, Grand Junction
 e. All Things to All Men Rev. W. C. Bowins, Cooks
 f. Working with the Next Generation
 Rev. C. A. Parmiter, Old Mission
 g. Welding the Links in the Chain
 Sunday-School Missionary C. H. Harger
 h. The Ministry of Fellowship General Missionary C. B. Fellows
 i. Facing the Future Superintendent J. W. Sutherland

FRIDAY AFTERNOON JUNE 10.

2:00—Report of Committee on Examination and Course of Study
 Reports from Educational Institutions
 Olivet College
 Benzonia Academy
 Chicago Theological Seminary
 3:00—Devotional Service—The Pastor as a Friend
 Rev. A. H. Stoneman, St. Joseph
 3:30—Christian Training
 a. Pastor's Classes Rev. W. J. Campbell, Port Huron
 b. Training Ministers by Extension Courses
 Rev. Frank G. Ward, Chicago
 Discussion
 4:30—Annual Meeting of the Michigan Congregational Brotherhood
 Mr. L. P. Haight, Presiding
 Business

FRIDAY EVENING, JUNE 10.

6:00—Banquet of the Congregational Brotherhood,
 Mr. L. P. Haight, Presiding
 7:30—Address—The Young Men's Brotherhood in a Small Town
 Rev. David L. Holbrook, Union City

MINUTES.

The sixty-ninth annual meeting of the Michigan Congregational Conference convened Wednesday evening, June 8, 1910, at 7:30, in the First Congregational Church, Ludington.

This meeting was set for May 17-19, at Bay City, but an emergency necessitated a change of time and place. In the emergency the Ludington church came to the rescue with a prompt and cordial invitation to entertain the Conference. In accordance with Article V of the Constitution, notice in the name of the moderator, the registrar and the scribe, of new time and place of holding the meeting was sent thirty days in advance to all the churches and ministerial members.

The moderator, Rev. Mac H. Wallace, of Detroit, called the Conference to order. The Scripture lesson was read by Rev. Bastian Smits, of Jackson. Rev. Henry Wm. Hunt, of Romeo, led in prayer. Rev. W. H. Walker, of South Haven, preached the annual Conference sermon from I Cor. 1:23, his theme being, "A Dynamic Versus a Doctrine." An offering of \$36.62 was received for Ministerial Relief. The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered by Rev. W. H. Warren, of Detroit, and Rev. W. H. Shannon, of South Haven.

After taking a roll of delegates, the Conference adjourned to meet Thursday morning at 8:30.

THURSDAY MORNING.

The Conference was called to order by the moderator. After singing, Rev. J. Sidney Gould, of Hancock, led the Conference in prayer. The roll was called and when completed was as follows:

CHEBOYGAN ASSOCIATION.

CHURCH	MINISTER	DELEGATE
Charlevoix	Rev. Holden A. Putnam	
Gaylord	Rev. U. G. Rich	
Mancelona	Rev. John Lambrecht	A. H. Gruber

DETROIT ASSOCIATION.

CHURCH.	MINISTER.	DELEGATE.
Detroit, First		S. G. Stevens
Detroit, Fort St.	Rev. W. H. Warren	
Detroit, Mt. Hope		Rev. Archie McCallum
Detroit, Brewster	Rev. Mac H. Wallace	
Metamora		I. Owen Govan
Pontiac		Miss O. N. McMillan
Rochester	Rev. Jas. C. Hageman	
Royal Oak		Geo. W. Blackmon
Utica		Mrs. P. A. Arnold
Wayne	Rev. Luther E. Brown	
	Ministerial members—Rev. J. W. Sutherland.	
	Licentiates serving churches—P. Arthur Arnold, W. I. St. John.	

EASTERN ASSOCIATION.

Armada	Rev. J. G. Clutterbuck	
Carsonville		Geo. E. Houghtby
Imlay City	Rev. Theodore C. Williams	
New Baltimore		Rev. John McLeod
Port Huron, First	Rev. Wm. J. Campbell	
Romeo	Rev. Henry Wm. Hunt	

GENESEE ASSOCIATION.

Durand	Rev. J. C. Gibson	
Flint	Rev. Ernest Evans	
Perry		Mrs. A. N. McQueen
Shaftsbury		Ethel Colby

GLADSTONE ASSOCIATION.

Cooks	Rev. W. C. Bowins	
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GRAND RAPIDS ASSOCIATION

Allendale	Reuben L. Wintz	
Alpine and Walker	Rev. Reuben S. Smith	Reinhard H. Roth
Conklin	Rev. L. E. Hague	Thomas E. Wilde
Douglas	Rev. F. W. Bush	
Grand Rapids, 2nd	Rev. S. T. Morris	H. H. Leffingwell
Grand Rapids, South	Rev. C. O. Grieshaber	Silas M. Wright
Grand Rapids, Plymouth	Rev. Karl O. Thompson	
Grand Rapids, East		Miss Ida E. Pierce
Grandville	Rev. M. C. Bullock	
Greenville	James F. Halliday	
Howard City	Rev. J. Wright Sherwood	
Lowell	Rev. Wm. D. Ogg	
Middleville	Rev. Fred Roys Bush	
Moline		David Loew
	Ministerial Member—Rev. C. B. Fellows.	

GRAND TRAVERSE ASSOCIATION.

CHURCH.	MINISTER.	DELEGATE.
Benzonia		Mrs. L. McConaughey
Buckley		Rev. Geo. D. Lyford
East Lake		Rev. Franklin Lines
Homestead		Martin Trap
Honor		Rev. C. W. Clemo
Lake Ann		Rev. W. Tuller
Manistee	Rev. John J. Staley	
Old Mission		Mrs. Chas. Parmiter
Thompsonville	Rev. Frank Fulkerson	
Traverse City, First	Rev. Demas Cochlin	C. A. Hammond
Traverse City, Oak Park	Rev. A. A. Allington	Mrs. A. A. Allington
Licentiate serving as pastor	—Chas. A. Parmiter.	

JACKSON ASSOCIATION.

Ann Arbor	Rev. C. S. Patton	
Chelsea	Rev. M. Lee Grant	
Jackson, First	Rev. Bastian Smits	
Leslie, First	Rev. W. C. Allen	
Pinckney	Rev. Albro G. Gates	
Union City	Rev. David L. Holbrook	
Ypsilanti	Rev. A. G. Beach	Nathan Peck Collins

KALAMAZOO ASSOCIATION.

Allegan	Rev. C. W. Long	Dr. J. W. Sooy
Constantine	Rev. Wilmont E. Stevens	
Cooper		Rev. Wm. A. Wilkinson
Grand Junction	Rev. Wm. H. Skentelbury	
St. Joseph	Rev. A. H. Stoneman	
South Haven	Rev. Wm. H. Walker	Harry G. Beebe
Three Oaks	Rev. Milton J. Norton	
Watervliet	Rev. W. D. J. Stevenson	

LAKE SUPERIOR ASSOCIATION.

Hancock	Rev. J. Sidney Gould	
Ministerial Member	—Rev. C. H. Harger.	

LANSING ASSOCIATION.

Belding	Rev. Edrie Collins	
Carson City		Rev. Wm. Mitchell
Crystal		Rev. W. E. Lyon
Edmore		Rev. John Duncan
East Lansing		Rev. Robert Goldsmith
Grand Ledge		Rev. James E. Foote
Lansing, Plymouth		C. A. Gower
Lansing, Pilgrim	Rev. W. A. Minty	Lewis H. Van Wormer
Stanton	Rev. Wm. Wiedenhoeft	
Wacousta	Rev. R. Eugene Griggs	
Ministerial Members	—Rev. Frank G. Ward, Rev. Norman L. Otis.	

MUSKEGON ASSOCIATION.

CHURCH.	MINISTER.	DELEGATE.
Hart	Rev. Frederick Bagnall	George E. Bagnall
Muskegon, First	Rev Archibald Hadden	James Gillard
Muskegon, High'd Park	Rev. Fred W. Sass	
Newaygo	Rev. Daniel Truman	
Shelby	Rev. Frank P. Sprague	F. S. Buckley
White Cloud	Rev. Chester C. Omans	Mrs. F. B. Scudder

NORTH CENTRAL ASSOCIATION.

Baldwin.....	Rev. G. W. Kinney	Francis K. West
Big Rapids.....	Rev. D. G. Blair.....	W. P. Almroth
Cadillac.....	Rev. E. J. Millington	
Clare.....	Rev. N. J. Myers.....	W. H. Elden
Custer	Rev. F. M. Woodmansee	
Hersey.....	Rev. O. D. Crawford....	Mrs. O. D. Crawford
Ludington	Rev. Benj. H. Burtt....	Henry C. Haskell
Reed City.....	Rev. Samuel E. Kelley	

OLIVET ASSOCIATION.

Olivet.....	Thomas W. Nadal
Vermontville.....	Rev. St. Clare Parsons
Ministerial Members—	Rev. E. G. Lancaster, Rev. W. B. Williams, Rev. F. H. Foster.

SAGINAW ASSOCIATION.

Alpena.....	Rev. I. W. Stuart
Breckenridge.....	Rev. George H. Coman
Freeland	Mrs. Ida F. Wyman
Long Rapids	Rev. Fred Errington
Merrill	Rev. C. D. Bannister
Roscommon	Rev. William Etheridge
Standish	Rev. L. C. Frost
Ministerial Members—	Rev. Robert Stapleton, Rev. Albert E. Pomeroy.
Licentiate serving Churches—	Burton D. Snook.

SOUTHERN ASSOCIATION.

Addison.....	Rev. Fred Pinch.....	Ernestine Sorby
Hudson		R. H. Brooks
Matteson.....	Rev. Henry P. Collin	
Ministerial Member—	Rev. W. H. Shannon.	

ADVISORY MEMBERS.

Rev. A. P. Brown, Ludington, Mich.
Rev. G. S. Robinson, Ludington, Mich.
Rev. E. A. Knorr, Ludington, Mich.
Rev. J. H. Dickson, Ceylon, India.
Rev. W. W. Newell, Chicago, Ill.

SUMMARY.

Ministerial Members	80
Unassociated Pastors as Delegates	18
Lay Delegates	39
Advisory Members	5
Total.....	142

VISITORS TO THE CONFERENCE.

Mrs. Archibald Hadden, Muskegon.	
Mrs. W. I. St. John, Royal Oak.	
Rev. F. C. Laslette, Moline.	
Mrs. C. B. Fellows, Grand Rapids.	
Mrs. C. W. Clemo, Honor.	
Mrs. C. A. Hammond, Traverse City.	
Mr. and Mrs. L. P. Haight, Muskegon.	
Miss Maud C. Townsend, Baldwin.	
Mr. and Mrs. John Nichols, Charlotte.	
Mrs. Frank G. Ward, Chicago.	
Mr. S. B. Poole, Mackinac.	
Mrs. G. W. Kinney, Baldwin	
Mrs. David Leow, Moline.	15
Grand Total.....	157

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

Rev. W. C. Allen, of Leslie, was elected Scribe; Rev. Fred Roys Bush, of Middleville, Assistant Scribe.

ADVISORY MEMBERS.

Upon presentation of names by the Business Committee, Advisory members were added to the roll from time to time by vote of the Conference.

THE PROGRAM ADOPTED.

The Business Committee recommended the carrying out of the program as printed subject to necessary changes. The recommendation was adopted.

REPORT ON THE STATE OF THE CHURCHES.

The Registrar read his report on the State of the Churches which was adopted and ordered printed. (*Document A.*)

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT.

Superintendent J. W. Sutherland read his annual report. The Conference voted its adoption and ordered the same to be printed in the minutes. (*Document B.*)

TREASURER'S REPORT.

The printed report of the Treasurer, Mr. C. A. Gower, was distributed among the members of the Conference. The report was accepted and ordered to be printed in the minutes. (*Document I.*)

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

Rev. Benj. H. Burtt read the report of the Board of Trustees of the State Conference. Each recommendation, and the report as a whole, was adopted. (*Document C.*)

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EXAMINATION AND COURSE OF STUDY.

Rev. C. S. Patton read the report of the Committee on Revised Course of Study. The report was accepted and adopted. (See pages 17-18 of these Minutes.)

NECROLOGY.

Rev. Henry Wm. Hunt presented the report of the Committee on Necrology. It was accepted without reading and ordered printed. (*Document D.*)

MEMBERS OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

The Nominating Committee reported the following names for the members of the Board of Trustees:

For three years:

Cheboygan Association, Rev. H. A. Putnam, Charlevoix.
Grand Traverse Association, Rev. Demas Cochlin, Traverse City.

Lake Superior Association, Rev. L. K. Long, Calumet.

Lansing Association, Rev. W. A. Minty, Lansing.

Olivet Association, Mr. John Nichols, Charlotte.

Southern Association, Mr. C. B. Stowell, Hudson.

For one year:

Eastern Association, to succeed Rev. H. C. Spelman, removed from state, Rev. Henry Wm. Hunt, Romeo.

Genesee Association, to succeed Rev. James Hyslop, removed from the state, Mr. C. C. Vaughn, St. Johns.

For two years:

Muskegon Association, to succeed Mr. F. E. Hammond, Mr. L. P. Haight, Muskegon.

AT LARGE.

For three years:

Mr. L. Z. Caukin, Grand Rapids.

By vote of the Conference the Scribe was instructed to cast a ballot for these nominations.

Rev. W. H. Walker of South Haven led the Conference in the Devotional service, the topic being "The Pastor's Burden."

REPORT OF VISITOR TO OLIVET COLLEGE.

Rev. A. G. Beach read the report of the Visitor to Olivet College and on vote it was accepted and ordered printed. (*Document E.*) Remarks were also made by Pres. E. G. Lancaster.

Rev. Archibald Hadden moved the adoption of the recommendation of the visiting committee that the churches set aside one day in the year as Olivet Day.

Prof. F. H. Foster moved to amend by adding that a committee be appointed to present the matter before the churches.

The amendment carried and the original motion as amended was carried.

The committee appointed was as follows: Prof. F. H. Foster, Rev. E. J. Millington, Mr. Charles W. Garfield.

BENZONIA ACADEMY.

Rev. Demas Cochlin presented a verbal report concerning Benzonia Academy and Prin. G. R. Catton also spoke about the Academy.

Rev. Archibald Hadden reported concerning Chicago Seminary to which Rev. Frank G. Ward added further remarks.

The Conference ordered that Miss Stone's letter relative to return of indemnity money for her release be referred to the Committee on Resolutions.

The new recruits in the ministry of the state were presented to the Conference.

The Conference adjourned to meet at 2 o'clock p. m.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON.

The Conference convened with Assistant Moderator Silas M. Wright in the chair. Prayer was offered by Rev. W. H. Skentlebury. Motion made and carried that the Notice of Amendment to Article VI of the Articles of Association as recorded in the minutes of 1909 on p. 29 be adopted. Said Amendment provides that the membership of the Board of Trustees may be adjusted to any change that may be made in the organization of the Local Associations.

Motion made that the Amendment to Article III Section 2 of the Constitution as recorded on p. 32 of the minutes of 1909 be adopted.

Moved and carried that this amendment be referred to a special committee. Committee appointed as follows: Mr. C. A. Gower, Revs. F. W. Bush and A. H. Stoneman, which committee later reported as follows:

Your special Committee to which was referred the proposed amendment to Article III Section 2 of the Constitution as found on page 32 of the 1909 minutes, begs to report that a clerical error occurred in recording this proposed amendment. It should read as a proposition to amend Article II Section 2 of the Articles of Association. We therefore recommend the adoption of the proposed amendment as indicated in the corrected minute.

The recommendation of the special committee was adopted and the amendment as proposed was adopted as follows:—"All officers of the Conference, all ministers in regular standing in any local association in the State, and all who may be members of the Board of Trustees in regular standing during any part of the Annual State Meeting, are entitled to membership in the Conference."

Moved and carried to adopt the proposed amendment to Art. IX, Sec. 4, of the Constitution p. 33, 1909 minutes, so that it will read, "Such other committees as may be needed shall be appointed by the Conference or by the Board of Trustees, etc."

Moved and carried to adopt the proposed amendments to the Articles of Association recorded on page 33 of the 1909 minutes as follows:

Change Article VIII to Article IX.

Insert as Article VIII: "These articles may be amended at any regular meeting of the Conference by a two-thirds vote of the members present, due notice having been given at the previous annual meeting, designating the subject and article to be affected."

On motion made and carried the matter of proposed preamble to the Constitution referred to on page 57 of the 1909 minutes was referred to the following special committee: Revs. J. Sidney Gould, F. G. Ward, Demas Cochlin.

On recommendation of the Business Committee the following were added to the Committee-on Examination and Course of Study: Rev. H. A. Putnam, Rev. S. E. Kelley, Rev. F. W. Sass.

The Nominating Committee presented the following report which was adopted:

For members of the Nominating Committee for two years: Rev. Archibald Hadden, Muskegon; Rev. Bastian Smits, Jackson.

For members of Committee on Necrology: Rev. Henry Wm. Hunt, Romeo; Rev. Mac. H. Wallace, Detroit.

For trustees for the Anti-Saloon League; Rev. S. T. Morris, Grand Rapids; Mr. J. W. Hughes, Detroit.

For Committee on Interdenominational Comity: Rev. J. W. Sutherland, Lansing; Carl S. Patton, Ann Arbor.

For Committee on Resolutions: Rev. Carl S. Patton, Ann Arbor; Rev. S. E. Kelley, Reed City; Rev. F. W. Bush, Douglas.

Rev. W. W. Newell, of Chicago, then spoke in the interest of the Church Building Society.

Rev. David L. Holbrook, of Union City, conducted the Devotional Service, his topic being "The Unseen Presence in the Christian Assembly.

METHODS OF SECURING INCREASED EFFICIENCY OF THE CHURCH.

Rev. Archibald Hadden read the report of the Committee on Methods Looking to Increased Efficiency in Church Work. (*Document F.*)

Rev. James F. Halliday, of Greenville, spoke on "When May a Church be Said to Have Failed."

Rev. W. D. Ogg, of Lowell, treated the subject "The Local Church and the Denomination."

After some discussion it was moved and carried that the Committee on Efficiency be continued.

After prayer by Rev. J. Sidney Gould the Conference adjourned until the evening session.

THURSDAY EVENING.

The Conference convened at 7:30 with the moderator, Rev. Mac H. Wallace, in the chair. Prayer was offered by Rev. W. C. Allen, of Leslie, after which Rev. J. H. Dickson, of Ceylon, gave an address on India.

On recommendation of the Business Committee it was voted that the moderator send the following telegram to Rev. John P. Sanderson:

Rev. John P. Sanderson,
Sandusky, Ohio.

The Michigan Congregational Conference misses you. Sends

love and sympathy. God bless you. Second Corinthians, twelve, nine.

After prayer by Rev. J. H. Dickson the Conference adjourned to meet Friday morning at 8:30.

FRIDAY MORNING.

The Conference was called to order by the moderator. After prayer by Rev. Wm. Etheridge, of Roscommon, the minutes were read and approved.

Rev. Benj. H. Burtt, of Ludington, was elected moderator for the ensuing year, and Rev. W. C. Allen, of Leslie, assistant moderator.

DELEGATES TO THE NATIONAL COUNCIL.

The nominating committee reported delegates to the National Council as follows:

Ministerial delegates—Rev. Benj. H. Burtt, Ludington; alternate, Rev. H. S. Mills, Benzonia; Rev. Mac H. Wallace, Detroit; alternate, Rev. I. W. Stuart, Alpena.

Lay delegates—F. E. Bogart, Detroit; alternate, L. P. Haight, Muskegon; C. O. Monroe, South Haven; alternate, S. M. Wright, Grand Rapids.

The nominations were adopted.

INDUSTRIAL COMMITTEE.

The Business Committee presented a memorial from the Industrial Committee of the National Council relative to the appointment of a committee to co-operate with the National Council Committee, with the recommendation that such a committee be appointed. The recommendation was adopted and the following committee was appointed: Rev. Ernest Evans, Rev. E. W. Bishop, Rev. W. R. Kedzie.

The Business Committee presented a memorial from the Massachusetts Conference relative to the appointment of a committee on Religious Education, with the recommendation

that the same be appointed. The recommendation was adopted and the following committee was appointed: Prof. T. W. Nadal, Rev. M. J. Norton, Rev. T. C. Williams.

The Conference adjourned for the annual meeting of the Home Missionary Society, after which at 9:30 the session was resumed. Rev. Frederick Bagnall, of Hart, had charge of the Devotional Service.

THE HOME FIELD.

The general topic, "The Home Field," was then taken up. The following addresses were given: "The City Pastor's Opportunity in the Country," by Rev. H. A. Putnam, Charlevoix; "Laying Foundations," by Rev. A. A. Allington, Traverse City; "The Church in Touch with Its Environment," Rev. C. W. Clemo, Honor; "Holding the Fort," by Rev. W. H. Skentlebury, Grand Junction; "All Things to All Men," by Rev. W. C. Bowins, Cooks; "Working with the Next Generation," Rev. C. A. Parmiter, Old Mission; "Welding the Links in the Chain," by Sunday School Missionary C. H. Harger. After the address by Rev. W. H. Skentlebury, of Grand Junction, on "Holding the Fort," an offering for the purpose of painting the Grand Junction church, amounting to \$41.93, was taken.

The hour having come for adjournment, the remainder of the program was made the first order of the afternoon session.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON.

The Conference was called to order by the moderator at 2 o'clock. Rev. I. W. Stuart led in prayer.

The program on "The Home Field" was completed as follows:

"The Ministry of Fellowship," General Missionary C. B. Fellows.

"Facing the Future," Superintendent J. W. Sutherland.

NEXT MEETING.

The First Church of Port Huron extended an invitation to entertain the Conference at its next annual meeting. The invitation was accepted.

Rev. C. S. Patton read the report of the Committee on Examination and Course of Study. The report was adopted and ordered printed. (*Document G.*)

Rev. A. H. Stoneman, of St. Joseph, conducted the Devotional Service, his subject being "The Pastor as a Friend to Every Man in the Community."

CHRISTIAN TRAINING.

The work of Christian Training was presented as follows:

(a) "Pastor's Classes," Rev. W. J. Campbell, Port Huron.
(b) "Training Ministers by Extension Courses," by Rev. Frank G. Ward, Chicago.

The Nominating Committee reported the following nominations:

Directors of the National Home Missionary Society: Rev. Bastian Smits, Jackson; Mr. F. E. Bogart, Detroit.

Business Committee for two years: Rev. W. J. Campbell, Port Huron; Rev. M. Lee Grant, Chelsea; Rev. J. C. Hageman, Rochester.

The report was adopted.

APPORTIONMENT PLAN IN THEORY AND PRACTICE.

The Apportionment Plan in Theory and Practice was presented as follows:

(a) The Plan, Superintendent J. W. Sutherland.
(b) In the Local Church and Association, Rev. M. J. Norton, Three Oaks.

The Resolutions were adopted as read. (*Document H.*).

The minutes of the Conference were read and adopted.

On the recommendation of the Business Committee Rev. R. N. Holsaple spoke on the Work of the Anti-Saloon League.

The new moderator, Rev. Benj. H. Burtt, was introduced.
The Association adjourned.

MAC H. WALLACE, Moderator.

SILAS M. WRIGHT, Assistant Moderator.

W. C. ALLEN, Scribe.

FRED Roys BUSH, Assistant Scribe.

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REPORT ON THE STATE OF THE CHURCHES.

Your registrar wishes he could, as he discloses the statistics for the year past, make such use of them by drawing comparisons and by marking dis-similarities with those of earlier years, as in former years has been done by that peerless secretary, Rev. John P. Sanderson.

But because of unfamiliarity with other year statistics one can only present those of more immediate concern and ask that they be allowed to tell their own story.

GAINS AND LOSSES.

The churches number 327, a loss of four. Four churches have been added during the year. Two by organization—Long Rapids and Ironwood, the former a strictly community church, the latter a Swedish-Finnish church; a third church, that of Jackson street Muskegon—this church was dropped from the roll of churches some years ago but now re-appears; a fourth, Trinity of Alpine and Walker, formed by a union of the Baptist and Congregational churches of that place. All of these churches are vigorous and promising. In each instance the organization has been the outgrowth of positive community needs. The total membership of the four churches added is about 150. On the other hand the churches lost from the roll represent practically no loss in membership. The names of eight churches have been dropped from the roll, Alpine Centre, Luzerne, Ryno, Whittaker, Berryville, Kinderhook, St. Ignace and Jerome. Several of these have been retained for a number of years merely to protect the property interests of the Church Building Society.

MEMBERSHIP.

Our church membership totals 32,838, a loss of 110. This, notwithstanding the fact that the number of additions, both on confession of faith and by letter, exceed those of last year. Those received on confession of faith number 1,641; those by letter 1,135, a gain over last year's additions of 212. Removals, however, more than offset the gain. We sustain by death a loss of 379; by dismission, 1093; while by revision we record the unparalleled loss of 1,414, as compared with 519 during 1908. This presents for study an interesting and serious problem. If we analyze the situation we shall find that the explanation lies largely in our list of absent members. We have 304 less on our absent list this year than was reported two years ago, and this year our absent list numbers 4,624. It is of interest to note in this connection that with the reported decrease in our list of absent members we have made a slight gain over last year in resident members. It remains to be said that, until as a denomination we

shall learn to more wisely conserve our forces, we may anticipate such losses as are revealed in this year's revision list.

The year has not been notable for large ingatherings. The reception of new members has been general rather than exceptional. Accessions calling for special mention have occurred at Bellaire, Butternut, Cleon and Marrilla, Lowell, Conklin, Red Jacket, Traverse City First and Wheatland. With few exceptions these accessions represent the fruits of normal church activity, pastoral evangelism and faithful Bible school service. To learn how to make the most effective use of our normal religious forces is the opportunity of the church and ministry today.

The revision of our church rolls as already intimated has reached an unparalleled total this year. Several of the larger churches such as Saginaw First, Grand Rapids Park, Kalamazoo, Detroit North Woodward Ave., etc., have by simultaneous revision brought the number to its significant proportions.

Many of the smaller churches have also revised their lists, and we face the startling fact of having dropped from our rolls an actual five per cent. of our total membership. We may well ask ourselves the question, What can we do to prevent this recurring loss?

The total number of baptisms reported, 1,428, exceeds that of any year since 1902, the number of infant baptisms having been exceeded but once before, and that last year, the number for this year, 694, coming within three of that of last year. That this indicates a growing realization of the value of Christian nurture we may assume, but the gain is not marked enough to lend very much significance to the thought.

The Sunday School membership as reported is 36,621, a loss of 123. The number of families is greater than last year by 232. From 140 young people's societies, 6,035 members are reported, a loss of 379. It is the judgment of the registrar that many organizations in the churches among the young people are doing splendid work in Christian culture, from which practically no reports are given. One would urge that the churches make more adequate reports of such organizations as may be meeting the broader social and religious needs of their young people.

THE BENEVOLENCES.

The gifts for the year in the support of the denominational and other benevolent causes reached the grand total of \$95,777, a gain over last year of \$22,523. Of the total, Foreign Missions received \$43,992, including a single legacy of over \$30,000; Education received \$6,121; Church Building \$6,421; Home Missions \$18,638; Sunday School work \$5,323; Ministerial Aid \$1,710; other benevolences \$9,265. The registrar would call attention to the incompleteness and inaccuracies of the annual statistical reports made by the churches, especially in regard to the benevolences. A difference of over \$8,000 was found this year by comparing the reports sent in by the churches, with the amounts credited to them in the printed publications.

It is worthy of mention in connection with our benevolent gifts to call attention to the fact that the gifts from all sources in Michigan toward the Together Campaign amounted to the sum of \$5,655.72. The Registrar is of the opinion that in many instances these gifts were not included in the reports sent in by the churches, although there seemed to be no adequate means whereby he could determine the matter with certainty.

MATERIAL GAINS.

Home expenses reach the total of \$360,916; value of church property

\$2,451,008. There has been marked activity along lines of material progress. New churches have been completed at Clare and Fayette and others are in process of construction at Atlanta, East Lansing, Isabella, Middleville, Pontiac and Grand Rapids East. Parsonages have been purchased or erected at Bellaire, Conklin, Lake Linden, Merrill, Newaygo, Ovid and Oxford. Parish houses have been built at Union City and St. Joseph, and at Traverse City First church has opened up club rooms with equipment costing \$3,000. Extensive repairs have been made in the church buildings at Honor and Howard City. The work at Benzonia has received fresh impetus by the erection of the new academy building to take the place of the one destroyed by fire. The building has been dedicated as Mills Hall, in honor of the splendid man who, as pastor of the Benzonia church, has been tireless in his work for the well-being of the Academy.

During the year \$22,875 in legacies was received by the churches as follows: Ada, \$100; Armada, \$200; Cheboygan, \$75; Grand Rapids Park, \$5,000; Manistee, \$2,000; Muskegon First, \$15,000.

THE MINISTERIAL RANKS.

Losses from our ordained pastoral force have been serious. We have relinquished eighteen pastors, as follows: G. G. Atkins, A. L. Allison, Amos E. Cragg, George W. Dell, James O. Fisher, F. L. Graff, J. H. Hull, James Hyslop, Alexander McLennox, J. A. Russnell, H. C. Snyder, H. O. Spelman, A. F. Soule, Jonathan Turner, Frank G. Ward, Wayne L. Waters, Francis D. White, and A. E. Woodruff.

There have been twenty-one additions to our pastoral force, a net gain of three. The additions are as follows: E. W. Bishop, W. B. Dickinson, Robert Goldsmith, Mandus Barrett, J. C. Townsend, W. A. Wilkinson, F. M. Woodmansee, M. F. Scouten, J. G. Clutterbuck, L. E. Hague, Franklin Lines, C. C. Lowther, J. E. Foote, C. W. Davis, F. C. Laslette, and C. I. Taylor, who resumes active service after several years spent in the practice of medicine. Five brethren have been received into the ministerial ranks by ordination: Wm. Steensma, Gordon C. Speer, Eddie Collins, O. N. Beldin, and F. W. Sass. In each instance these men were ordained by the local association acting as the ordaining council. The conviction seems to be strengthening that authority to ordain should be vested in the same body which is responsible for ministerial standing and fellowship.

A SOURCE OF SUPPLY.

One of the striking features of our work in the state, and a feature involving much of consequence to the welfare of our work, is that of the unordained men serving our churches in the capacity of licentiates. It is a source of much satisfaction and at the same time the ground of some concern that so large a number of those added to our regularly ordained pastors come through the channel of the licentiate. A source of satisfaction because this seems to be a hopeful method of supplying a large number of our churches; a source of some concern in that it means a lessening number of our pastors who have taken the regular college and seminary work in preparation for the ministry. During the year we have had 40 licentiates serving a total of 54 churches. Five of these have been ordained; five others have gone out of the work, leaving 30 licentiates at present serving a total of 35 churches, and pursuing the course of study provided by the State Conference.

One would say that a general survey of the church conditions in Michigan reveals three distinct phases of our denominational life:

I. RE-ADJUSTMENT OF MACHINERY.

With this phase of our activities this report has little to do. Our superintendent has wrought tirelessly to effect a more positive and practical fellowship among the churches. The new denominational machinery has made this more hopeful of realization. The superintendent's report will cover this important phase of our denominational life. Nevertheless, the registrar would say one word at the risk of the repetition involved. It is one thing to recognize a problem; another to effect a solution. The need of a more compact and wieldy organization has been generally recognized by thoughtful persons in our denomination. The re-adjustment of our denominational machinery has made possible the solution of this problem. And to the extent that the churches and ministers have taken advantage of the opportunities afforded for a co-operative fellowship, to that extent have we met this wide-felt need. The best organization is helpless only as intelligent life finds virile expression through that organization.

II. RE-ALIGNMENT OF ACTIVITIES.

The second phase of our denominational life that arrests our thought is that of adapting our working forces to new conditions and opportunities.

It is evident that some of our churches and our denominational leaders have been acting on the judgment that the churches should enter many spheres of activity hitherto disregarded by them to a great extent. From many directions we hear of churches accepting the challenge of the community to meet the more general needs of the community life. We hear of church buildings being kept open throughout the week for social and literary culture. We receive reports of the building of parish houses, with the community needs in mind.

We hear of churches opening their parlors and auditoriums to various gatherings of a civic character. We hear of rural churches that are seeking to make themselves centers of the most varied of rural interests. We record a demand among the rural churches for men in the pulpit who shall not only have the power of leadership in religious thought, but who shall likewise be wise counsellors in regard to the most varied of community affairs. We make note of churches in our cities that regard their mission as going far beyond the mere maintainance of places of worship. Questions involving social, industrial, educational and economic problems are considered with a growing sense of the responsibility of the church. In all this there are strong indications that the churches are rising to the challenge of the time. It is the challenge of the twentieth century. The churches do not feel that there is any other gospel than that of Jesus Christ. That which was the good news of God in the first century remains the good news of God in the twentieth century. We have not outlived, nor can we, the Divine teachings of Jesus of Nazareth. But, we are coming to believe that the principles of life as taught by Him need to find new interpretation, new emphasis and new expression. And so in many ways we witness the old desire to serve finding expression in new and wider activities, and in the realm of the church, as in the civic and industrial realms, we bear witness to the fact that "the old order changeth."

III. ADEQUATE EXPRESSION OF A VITAL FAITH.

It is not difficult, therefore, to gather from even a hurried review of the past decade or two that perceptibly less importance is being attached to the letter of any creed.

The churches are not declaring this to be unimportant, but relatively unimportant. "By their fruits ye shall know them" embodies the principle by which a church or an individual is adjudged worthy or unworthy. We are coming to measure men and institutions more by their deeds than by their creeds. We are coming to demand of ourselves a creed that speaks not so much in certain articles of faith as in various dependable activities, sane methods of life, and worthy achievements.

We are declaring the need not so much of set standards by which to fix intellectual conceptions, as by fixed principles by which to determine conduct. We are trying less to relate present day thinking to old time interpretation, than to discover to men the secret of reverence and the presence of the Divine. All this is slowly emerging in our common life. We are gradually learning to relate enthusiasm to activities, energy to achievements, and sentiment to results. We are becoming impatient of uncertainty and inertia, and are coming to demand of ourselves concrete evidence of a virile faith.

And yet is it strange that during the time of the readjustment of activities, the realignment of forces and the re-expression of faith that there is a time in a measure barren of apparent results and shorn of rapid growth? We may expect to feel the reaction of uncertainty and to note the effect of hesitancy. The vehicle must slacken its speed at the turn of the road. We may not hope to at once swing ourselves free from the old methods, from life-long habits and age-long prejudices, nor can we hope to bring into the most effective use the new means at hand, awkward because new. And so in the interim there may be losses, perhaps losses that are mostly seeming. Some times we need to lose that we may gain; if it be weight that we may gain momentum, if it be organization that we may find a new life. For after all the best institutions exist as means to the one end—that of establishing upon earth the kingdom of God in the hearts of men.

W. A. MINTY, Registrar.

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REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT.

OFFICE WORK.

In his endeavor to respond to a growing opportunity to serve the pastors and churches, your superintendent has found it necessary during the past year to spend more time at his desk. He has been in the office, on an average, slightly more than three and one-half days each week, except during the vacation month of August. His correspondence has greatly increased, and the variety of it has covered a wide range. There have gone out under his direction no less than 12,000 pieces of mail, an average of 72 pieces per day for the days he has been in the office. A large part of his correspondence, and an exceedingly important part of it, has pertained to the Ministerial Bureau. More than 1,500 letters have been written in trying to bring ministers and pastorless churches together. Through the direct efforts of the bureau 45 ministers have been secured as pastors of 64 churches. Many of these churches are small and probably would have gone without pastoral service or would have been preyed

upon by ministerial tramps, had it not been for the aid thus given. In addition to this direct service, a large amount of aid has been rendered in the way of counsel and co-operation where the initiative was taken by the churches. Through the work of this bureau the number of pastorless churches has been greatly diminished. At present the number of vacant fields where churches are ready to receive pastors does not exceed 15, and negotiations are pending which will probably reduce the number in a short time to ten. This, of course, does not take into consideration about a score of dormant churches where regular services have not been maintained for years, and where conditions make it practically impossible to secure the regular services of a pastor.

FIELD WORK.

The amount and variety of work done in the field has also greatly increased. The Superintendent has traveled 13,355 miles, has made 90 visits to churches, has attended 20 associations and delivered 118 public addresses. In addition, he has held many important conferences with church committees, with Local Advisory Committees, with other committees and groups of workers in all parts of the state, and in several instances outside of the state. General Missionary, C. B. Fellows, has traveled 13,317 miles, has made 177 visits to churches, about 830 personal calls, and 122 public addresses. Sunday-school Missionary C. H. Harger, has traveled 11,450 miles of which 1,121 were afoot; he has made 125 visits to churches, 60 visits to Sunday-schools, and 1,250 personal calls; he has organized 14 Sunday-schools, reorganized 4 Sunday-schools, and has made 197 public addresses. The total field service amounts in round numbers to 38,000 miles of travel, 450 visits to churches and Sunday-schools, 2,000 personal calls, and 425 addresses. The service has been of the most varied kind. While not neglecting invitations from the stronger churches, special attention has been given to the weak and pastorless churches, some of which have been dormant for years. In some cases these visits have been repeated every few weeks; in others our missionaries have remained in one field for several weeks at a time, conducting special meetings and visiting from house to house. This work has always been done in co-operation with the pastor unless the church was pastorless; in that case everything possible has been done to prepare the church to secure a pastor. This extensive visitation is, in a large way, under the direction of the Superintendent with a view to that economy and efficiency which can be attained only by unified effort. No fields are being overlooked and there is no over-lapping of work.

LOCAL ASSOCIATION BOUNDARY LINES.

The recommendation of the Conference at its last session regarding changes in the boundary lines of the Local Associations has been carefully considered. The recommendation does not affect the Lake Superior Association. The other two associations of the Upper Peninsula, the Gladstone and the Sault Ste Marie, voted to approve the recommendations provided, that on careful consideration the consolidation should prove to be practicable. The consolidation, however, has been found to be impracticable. The associations are too far apart to yoke in any way except in name, as the nearest churches are 93 miles apart, and the farthest churches about 200 miles apart. The Grand Traverse and the Genesee Associations voted against the recommendation. The Olivet Association voted that the Moderator and Registrar should together issue to the

Churches and Ministers letters of recommendation to the new associations to which they would respectively belong, and that the association should then be declared disbanded. The remaining associations voted to adopt the recommendation of the Conference in the main with the understanding that the adjustment of details be left to the various Local Advisory Committees in conference with State Board of Trustees, the entire matter to be submitted afterwards to the churches for their approval. Much interest has been aroused in almost all the local associations and various views have been expressed. The Conferences that have been held by the superintendent with a number of the Local Advisory Committees have emphasized the impracticability of carrying out the recommendations except in the most general manner. Inasmuch as any change in the number of local associations will make a corresponding change in the representation on the State Board of Trustees, it is evident that the whole matter should go over for another year so that the changes may take place simultaneously throughout the state.

In the meantime a renewed effort has been made to increase the attendance and interest in the meetings of the local associations. Acting on the advice of the Executive Committee the superintendent wrote to all the pastors and clerks of the churches several weeks in advance of the spring meeting of each local association suggesting that in view of our lack of centralized authority a special effort should be made to realize the full advantages of a voluntary fellowship by having each church represented by its pastor and the full quota of delegates. The letters seem to have accomplished their purpose, for in almost every instance the attendance was greatly increased and the interest was unusually good. The remark was frequently made, "If we could only hold the interest to this level there would be no need of enlarging our boundary lines in order to increase our fellowship." The present indication is that the changes in boundary lines will be much less radical than was recommended by the State Conference. The discussion of the matter, however, will serve a good purpose in clearing the air and in enabling us to see just where the responsibility lies.

THE APPORTIONMENT PLAN.

The apportionment plan recommended by the Conference at its last session has received careful consideration in most of the local associations. The following associations have reported to the superintendent as having adopted the plan: Eastern, Grand Rapids, Grand Traverse, Jackson, Kalamazoo, Lake Superior, Lansing, Muskegon, North Central and Southern. Some of the associations have deferred action until this fall, and it appears that in a few associations no action has been taken.

It is too early to speak in a large way of encouraging results, though many hopeful expressions have been received from pastors of churches which have adopted the plan: On the other hand there has been considerable confusion growing out of the failure to comprehend the exact purpose of the plan. The suggestion has gone to some of the churches that the main purpose of the plan is, to divide the sum total of benevolences paid by each church, among the seven societies according to the per centage basis representing the comparative needs of each society, with the understanding that if a church fails to meet its apportionment in full the various societies will share in the deficiency. In other words, the emphasis was not placed upon the need of an increase in benevolences, but upon the supposed need of a new distribution of benevolences. It soon became apparent that many of our churches were planning to diminish

their gifts to Home Missions in order to increase their gifts to the other societies. This condition led the Superintendent on March 4 to send a circular letter to the churches calling attention to the fact that should such a course be pursued, it would greatly imperil our state work. Your Superintendent has been very careful, however, on all occasions, while seeking to safe-guard our state interests, not in any way to discredit the Apportionment Plan. When the purpose of the plan is rightly understood it must commend itself.

COUNTRY PASTORS' INSTITUTE.

A meeting of unique character was the Country Pastors' Institute held under the sanction of the Board of Trustees at Chippewa Lake July 14-21. The purpose of the Institute was to bring together into an intimate fellowship the pastors of our country and village churches to spend a week in studying the problems peculiar to their parishes. The smallest attendance was 20, the largest 30. The superintendent, the general missionary, the Sunday School missionary, a few ex-missionary pastors and several representatives of the State Board of Trustees were present. Lodging was furnished free in the homes of the villagers and all boarded together in one family at 50 cents a day. A fund of about \$90 was contributed by the churches which was applied so as to bring the expenses of each person present within \$10 for the nine days' outing.

The services of the day began with morning prayers at the close of breakfast, and after an interval of an hour the program began at the church. The conferences were all held in the morning; the afternoons were kept free for recreation; the evenings were given over to public services of a popular character, and on Sunday special services were held in five or six different nearby places. The program was of the simplest character. Each meeting had a different presiding officer and equal prominence was given to each person present. The topics discussed were mainly those which had been suggested in advance by the pastors themselves. Each address was limited to fifteen minutes which was followed by a discussion of thirty minutes. In the middle of each session thirty minutes was given to Bible study. Fifteen subjects were considered during the week and each one was discussed on an average by ten persons. So helpful was the meeting felt to be in many ways that a hearty and unanimous vote was given in favor of holding another Institute this year. Arrangements are now being made to hold the Institute at Honor for the week beginning July 19.

CIRCULATING LIBRARY.

The circulating library has been enriched by the addition of more than one hundred volumes. A few of these books were donated by pastors, but most of them were bought new, and were paid for out of the library fund. The cash receipts for the year have been as follows: Membership dues \$70; personal gifts \$25. The membership is at present ninety. The Library contains duplicate copies of all the books in the State Course of Study, a choice selection of books pertaining to missions and to Sunday school work, together with a large number of the best religious and theological publications of recent years. As additions are being made to the Library and its merits are becoming better known, its use is increasing.

HOME MISSIONS.

The Home Missionary activity of the year may be set forth in outline in the following exhibit: The number of churches and out-stations supplied by home missionary pastors 106; the number of missionaries commissioned for the whole or part of the year 77; the number who have ministered to a single congregation 30; the number who have ministered to two or more congregations 47; the total months of service rendered 625. Four churches have come to self-support: Addison, Central Lake, Cleon and Marilla and Old Mission. Three churches have asked that their Home Missionary grants be reduced: Breckenridge, Conklin and Rapid River. One church in the Home Missionary field has been organized. The work which has been carried on among the Swedish-Finnish people at Ironwood for several years has resulted in the organization of a church which was received into the fellowship of the Lake Superior Association at its spring meeting. The membership is not large, but it consists of a devoted band of Christian people who are working hard and making many sacrifices in order to secure a church home. The church is being supplied by a student from Chicago, but is expecting to have the regular services of a pastor in the fall. In this connection mention should also be made of the Jackson Street church, Muskegon, which, after being in a dormant condition for about ten years, has been revived and reorganized, and now appears again on our roll as an active church. The outlook for the church is very hopeful. Church buildings have been erected, or are in process of erection at Atlanta, East Lansing, Fayette, Ironwood, Isabella. Extensive improvements have also been made on our churches at Muskegon Highland Park, Honor, Howard City and Newaygo. Parsonages have been purchased or are in process of erection at Bellaire, Conklin, Newaygo and Merrill. Two fields formerly on the Home Missionary schedule are not now receiving aid: Ada, which has become self-supporting by uniting with East Paris, and the churches of East Lake, Onekema and Pleasanton which, after being without pastors for many years, have combined into one large circuit and are receiving very effective pastoral oversight. The following churches have been added to the Home Missionary schedule: Highland Park and Jackson Street, Muskegon, Newaygo and Royal Oak. Special exigencies in each case called for aid, but it is believed that the grants can be reduced next year without suffering to the churches.

The financial exhibit will be presented by our treasurer. The year has been an anxious one. Every effort has been made to keep the churches informed of the general situation throughout the state and to stimulate their offerings so that there might be no falling off. There have been three strong influences at work diverting gifts from the ordinary Home Missionary channels: 1. The Together Campaign to which our churches of Michigan contributed nearly \$6000; 2. the Apportionment Plan to which reference has been made; 3. the Local Option Campaign to which large contributions were made by our churches. Nevertheless, a comparison with last year shows a gain along several lines. Last year 120 churches gave less than their apportionment; this year the number is 117, a gain of 3. Last year 68 churches met their apportionments in full; this year the number is 73, a gain of 5. Last year 58 churches gave nothing; this year the number is 55, a gain of 3. Gifts were also received from 20 churches to which no apportionments were made. The small churches as a rule show the greatest zeal in meeting their apportionments in full; it is the exception when any of the Home Missionary churches fall behind in this respect.

The exhibit by Local Associations is interesting: Four associations have exceeded their apportionments: Cheboygan, Detroit, Gladstone and Muskegon. The following associations, while not meeting their apportionments, have gone ahead of last year: Genesee, Grand Traverse, Lake Superior and North Central. Notwithstanding this good showing the total receipts from the churches fall below last year to the amount of \$350. This deficiency, was caused by two of our large churches which in adopting the apportionment plan, found it convenient to change their Home Missionary year, making it coincide with the calendar year. These two churches have been in the habit of paying their apportionment in full, and they promise to do so this year before December 31. Had these payments not been postponed the total receipts from the churches would have exceeded the receipts of last year by about \$100.

SUNDAY SCHOOL MISSIONS.

Vigorous work has been carried on all year by our Sunday-school Missionary, C. H. Harger. He has confined his labors largely to the Upper Peninsula and to the northern part of the Lower Peninsula. He has visited nearly all the older branch-schools and has explored a large amount of new territory in which some very promising schools have been organized. Great care has been taken to relate new schools to our neighboring churches and as far as possible, to place them under the fostering care of our pastors. This has been done to assure the life of the school and at the same time to multiply the feeders of the churches. The present number of branch-schools is 48, with a total enrollment of 1681; a gain for the year of 16 schools with 403 members.

CHURCH BUILDING SOCIETY.

In pursuance of the policy referred to last year the Church Building Society has been in active co-operation with your Superintendent in seeking to dispose of some pieces of church property which are not likely to be used again. After a careful examination made by Rev. John P. Sanderson, our former State Registrar, who is now commissioned by the Church Building Society as its special representative, the following church properties have been sold: Croton, Jerome, Kinderhook and St. Ignace. These churches have been dormant and have made no reports for years. Other properties are being carefully investigated and negotiations are pending which will probably result in disposing of them in the near future.

CONCLUSION.

Reference was made last year in the Superintendent's report to the need of developing a greater interest in the work of the Local Association and of magnifying the importance of the Local Advisory Committee. It is a pleasure to be able to state that a distinct gain has been registered in this respect. The Local Advisory Committees generally are showing greater zeal in their efforts to serve the churches; they are meeting oftener as committees and are holding more frequent conferences with the churches. The churches are learning the great importance of this new element in our polity and are showing an increasing disposition to avail themselves of it. A cordial attitude also is maintained toward our state workers; the services of our General Missionary, C. B. Fellows, and our Sunday-school Missionary, C. H. Harger, are in constant demand and are greatly appreciated. Great consideration has also been shown your

Superintendent by both pastors and churches for which he returns hearty thanks. Altogether, the most helpful feature in our state work for the past year is the abundant evidence of a growing appreciation of practical fellowship by our pastors and churches, that we may put on more strength for service.

J. W. SUTHERLAND, Superintendent.

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REPORT OF THE STATE BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

The Board of Trustees of the Michigan Congregational Conference submits the following report:

There is cause for profound gratitude that the Michigan plan of serving the pastors and churches for the purpose of building up throughout the state a more cohesive and efficient Congregational fellowship, has fully justified all reasonable expectations in the work of the past year. As knowledge regarding the practical working of the plan grows, appreciation of it increases. There has been apparent very little, if any, apprehension that this centralized plan of Oversight and Fellowship was in any way endangering either the autonomy of the churches or the rights of the pastors. On the other hand emphatic commendation of the plan has been repeatedly expressed, and an increasing number of pastors and churches have been glad to avail themselves of the help which the local association and state organizations have been able to render. At the same time that Michigan Congregationalism has been intent on solving her own problems and discharging her own responsibilities, she has exerted an influence along lines of reconstruction which have been felt throughout the entire land. So great has been this influence that the Michigan plan was taken as the basis of the report of the committee on polity which was unanimously adopted by the National Council in Cleveland in 1907. Previous to this spring, the Michigan plan had been adopted, in a modified form, by the four associations of Ohio, Wisconsin, Northern California and Southern California. At their annual meeting held within the last few weeks five other western states swung into line, viz.: Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Missouri and South Dakota. Still other states have the Michigan plan under consideration and will vote upon its adoption at their next meeting. This wide spread and growing recognition of the value of the Michigan plan, should stimulate us as pastors and churches to familiarize ourselves thoroughly with its purpose and provisions, and to co-operate heartily with each other in the practical working out of the plan, that we may achieve a much larger efficiency in our efforts, as a great denomination in Michigan, to advance the best interests of the kingdom.

The enlarged opportunities for service have made unusually heavy demands upon our state workers, both in the Lansing office and in the field. This condition was foreseen by your Board last year, and in its last report the belief was expressed that, as the knowledge of the practical workings of the plan increased, more work and greater responsibility would be entailed upon the state force. Interesting details concerning the important work of the year have been given in the report of the Superintendent.

All matters pertaining to the corporate welfare of Congregational Michigan that have been brought to the attention of the Board have received careful consideration.

The agreement with the Congregational Sunday-School and Publish-

ing Society has been renewed for another year from March 1, 1910. This agreement provides for the joint appointment and joint support of a field man to organize and develop the state Sunday-school work under the direction of the State Board of Trustees. All funds received from the state except individual gifts for special purposes are to be divided equally between the Sunday-School and Publishing Society and the Michigan Congregational Conference. All appeals to the churches and Sunday-Schools for funds will be made through the Congregational Rooms, Lansing, and the churches and Sunday-schools will be encouraged to send their offerings to that office. All offerings will be acknowledged in the publications of the Sunday School and Publishing Society.

The readjustment of the local association boundary lines has been considered by all the local associations. For reasons given in the report of the superintendent the matter cannot be finally adjusted until next year. Your board suggests that the subject be kept alive in each local association, and that the utmost effort be made to effect such a settlement as will insure to each church in the state the largest measure of practical fellowship.

The confusion in many churches incident to the installing of the Apportionment Plan which, in some instances, led to the diversion of funds formerly given to the state work, was perhaps not wholly unexpected. The purpose of the plan is to increase very substantially the sum total of gifts to our seven Congregational benevolences and to divide this increase according to a percentage basis so that when the total sum is realized each society will be in possession of an enlarged income sufficient for its needs. It was foreign to the purpose of the Executive Committee that formulated the plan, that a church should diminish its regular gifts to one society and increase them to another society in order that all its offerings might be distributed according to a fixed percentage. The budget for our state work is based upon the average gifts of the churches for a reasonable term of years. If these gifts should suddenly be diminished it is evident that the state work would suffer. We consider it fortunate that our superintendent was quick to detect the situation and prompt in putting the churches on their guard, so that no serious injury was done to our state work. But while thus urging our churches to safeguard carefully our state interests, your board strongly commends the Apportionment Plan, as it commended it last year, and renews its recommendation that a serious effort be made by every local association and church in the state to adopt it.

The unique Institute for Country Pastors, which was held last summer impresses your Board as possessing great and varied possibilities for good. The contributions made by a few churches and individuals in order to insure the holding of the Institute, were worthily bestowed. The project of holding another Institute this summer is regarded with great favor.

The report of the Committee on Examination and Course of Study recommending the adoption of a new course of study for licentiates, has been carefully considered by your Board, and has received its hearty approval. The report will be presented by the Committee later in the session.

Great and annoying confusion has arisen many times during the year from the fact that the Conference year terminates March 31, while the fiscal year of the Woman's Home Missionary Union and the fiscal year also of many of the churches terminates December 31. The only way to relieve the confusion is for the Conference to adopt the calendar year beginning January 1 and ending December 31. There is another reason

why this change should be made. Many churches take their annual offerings for Home Missions on Easter. When Easter comes at the end of the period it is always necessary for the state treasurer to hold the books open for a month. This occurs at the busiest time of the year for the Lansing office when the pressure is great in preparing reports for the annual meeting. Furthermore, when the weather is stormy on Easter the attendance is reduced and the offering suffers greatly. If the year were to close December 31, ample time would be given to make up the deficiency; besides, the period of nearly two months at the end of the year after the Local Associations have all held their meetings, would furnish better opportunity for the Lansing office to keep in touch with the churches.

Your Board makes the following recommendations:

1. That the following resolution be adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED, That the by-laws of the Michigan Congregational Conference be, and are, hereby amended by inserting after by-laws 8 another by-law to stand as by-law 9, and to read as follows:

The fiscal year of the Michigan Congregational Conference shall begin on the first day of January and shall coincide with the calendar year. Provided, however, that this by-law shall not be understood to affect in any manner the time of holding the annual meeting, or of the election of officers, or of the beginning or ending of the term for which officers are elected.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we advise all the churches to adopt the calendar year.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the numerals of by-laws 9 and 10 be changed to 10 and 11 respectively.

2. That the percentage basis in the division of funds for home missions contributed by Michigan to the State and National Societies be as follows: 85 per cent. to be given to the Michigan Congregational Conference and 15 per cent. to the Congregational Home Missionary Society up to \$19,000, exclusive of legacies, and that all sums above \$19,000, except such as are pledged for special purposes, shall be given to the National Society.

3. That Superintendent J. W. Sutherland succeed himself at his present compensation.

4. That the Conference levy, four cents per member upon the churches for the expense of the State Conference and the National Council.

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REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON NECROLOGY.

EDWIN WATTS SHAW

Was born in Hill, N. H., July 19th, 1822. The family moved in 1828 to Franklin, the home of Daniel Webster, where Mr. Shaw grew up in the same surroundings in which that statesman lived. The life of Webster was an inspiration throughout the life of Mr. Shaw, who became an enthusiastic abolitionist. Mr. Shaw was a direct descendant of Thomas and Hannah Dustin, persons celebrated in colonial history. Benjamin Shaw, Edwin's father, was a pioneer of Jackson county, where he moved in 1834. Edwin worked on the farm, but while he followed the plow and split rails, he held before himself as an ideal the statesmanship of Franklin, and decided to secure an education and become a public man. He was educated at Jackson Academy at Grass Lake, completing his preparation for college

at Lodi Academy. He studied the classics at the State University, from which he was graduated with the class of 1852. During this time he became acquainted with some of the most prominent men in the state, among them being L. Smith Hobart, a man renowned in the religious history of Michigan. The abolitionist movement in Boston drew him to that city a year later. While there he visited his uncle, Edward Shaw, for many years architect of Boston. He took part in the movement for the emancipation of slaves, and recalled with interest in his old age riots caused when runaway slaves were taken from the city and returned to their southern owners. Mr. Shaw entered Andover Seminary to study theology, but left his studies in 1854. Returning to Jackson he accompanied his venerable father to the famous convention "Under the Oaks," where the Republican party was formed. Mr. Shaw then went into newspaper work, and used his pen vigorously against political corruption. Then he returned to preaching, and continued his religious work until three years ago. Mr. Shaw was an unselfish and enthusiastic religious worker, and identified with every movement for the good of the community in which he lived. Especially did he make great sacrifices in his endeavor to assist in church building, and when he was no longer able to preach he was without worldly means, and during the last years of his life he became a beneficiary of the Fund for the Relief of Ministers. He never regretted having devoted his life to the good of humanity, and it was one of the comforts of his closing years to know that he had the honor to be the oldest living graduate of the University of Michigan. His last days were spent in a home which had been found for him at Hastings, Mich., where he died June 7th, 1909. He is survived by several children and a grandson in Grand Rapids.

REV. KENDRICK HERBERT CRANE.

Rev. Kendrick H. Crane, son of Rev. James L. and Arabella M. Crane, was born in Parma, Cuyahoga County, Ohio, November 22, 1845, and died November 19, 1908. He was converted in Oberlin, Ohio, at the age of twelve years, under the ministry of Rev. Chas. G. Finney, during the great revival of 1857. In 1864 he removed to Morenci, Mich., where his father became pastor of the Congregational church. He spent two years in study at Olivet College, Mich., after which he attended Oberlin College and Seminary, finishing his work there in 1872. In the month of April, 1872, he accepted a call to the Congregational church at Hartland. October 28th of the same year he was married to Miss Emma F. Mercer, daughter of Deacon C. H. and Mrs. Catherine Mercer of Hartland. In his wife he found a devoted helpmate in all departments of church life. He was ordained to the christian ministry March 4, 1874, and served as pastor in the churches of Goodrich, Ransom, Napoleon, Pinckney and Addison in Michigan; also the churches at North Amherst, Chatham and New London in Ohio.

While pastor at New London he lost his sight and was obliged to relinquish his chosen and much loved work of the christian ministry. He resigned his pastorate in the fall of 1893 and came to his home in Pinckney, where he lived for thirteen years, then becoming unable to attend to business, through physical disability, he retired to the home farm of his devoted wife at Hartland, where he began his ministry and there also closed his useful life of twenty-five years of active ministry. The other ten years he scattered seed by the wayside as opportunity came to him. He was an honored minister of God, a faithful husband, friend and brother—to know him was to love him.

REV. STEPHEN O. BRYANT.

In 1837, at Farmersville, N. Y., the life of Stephen O. Bryant had its beginning. When seven years of age the family home was moved near Bedford, Calhoun county, in the new state of Michigan.

His parents were earnest Christians, the father being an honored deacon in the Congregational church, and Stephen at an early age consecrated himself to the service of the Christ.

Feeling that he was called to the Christian ministry, he decided to make suitable preparation for that honorable calling, and accordingly entered Marietta college.

In 1862 he left college and returned home and enlisted in the 20th Michigan Infantry at Battle Creek. He served through the war and was discharged with honor in 1865.

After his return home from the war he again took up his college studies in preparation for the ministry. February 14, 1868, he was ordained a minister according to Congregational usage.

His first pastorate was at Vicksburg, Mich. While pastor here he was united in marriage with Francis Sophia Brown at Johnstown, Mich.

In 1869 he became pastor of the Congregational church of Columbus, Mich., where he remained five years, organizing the Congregational church of Richmond and building the first church building in the town.

In 1874 he was called to Grandville, Mich., where he remained two years. The church in Mancelona, Mich., called him in 1876, and he remained with them six years. Here, as elsewhere, his labors were richly blessed. The first church building in the place was erected. The needy fields about him appealed strongly to his sympathy and secured his help.

For two years of this pastorate he served the church at Kalkaska and built them a church building. He also organized the churches at Alba and Excelsior. For three years following this pastorate he served the church at Ceresco.

In 1884 he purchased and moved upon a farm near Olivet for the purpose of educating his children. After accomplishing this purpose he sold the farm and purchased a home in Charlotte where he lived until sickness occurred and he was taken to Grand Rapids to the home of his son. During his residence in Charlotte he spent three winters in Tryon, North Carolina, where he supplied the Congregational church.

Two years ago, while visiting in Olivet, he had a light stroke of paralysis, but was able to return to his home in Charlotte.

His death occurred March 26, 1909, and Stephen O. Bryant went to his coronation. The funeral services were held in the Congregational church in Olivet, Monday, March 29th, at 1:30 p. m., and were conducted by Revs. H. H. Van Auken, of Hastings, and F. W. Bush, of Douglas, both of these gentlemen being his friends and co-workers for nearly half a century. The interment was in the Olivet cemetery.

His children are Lewis, of Grand Rapids, and Mrs. E. B. Allen, of Toledo. These, with his faithful wife and other kindred and many friends, mourn his loss.

Like his divine Master, he was among men as one who served. He contributed not a little to the world's good. All who knew him unite in paying him the highest tribute that can be paid a man on earth, for they say: "He was a good Christian man."

MAC H. WALLACE,
HENRY WM. HUNT,
Committee.

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REPORT OF VISITOR TO OLIVET.

To the Board of Trustees of the State Conference:

Having been appointed by the Conference at its last meeting to visit Olivet College, I spent Sunday and Monday, May 8 and 9, there. My impressions of the college may be briefly given as follows:

There is a fine college spirit among the students. I talked with several students, some of whom I had known before. All were enthusiastic over Olivet. Those who had had some experience in other schools shared this good feeling.

The college has a remarkably strong faculty. Either there are a great many men with Ph. D. degrees from great institutions here and abroad who are glad to teach at Olivet for small pay, or else the President has a genius for getting strong men to work with him for pure love of the work. In any case, President Lancaster has gathered about him a faculty of fine teachers and strong men. I visited a number of class rooms, and so far as I am able to judge, the teaching is of a high order.

The college deserves better support. It has the disadvantages of isolation, being situated in a beautiful but remote village. It is therefore apt to be forgotten by the churches and by men with money looking for a chance to invest in education. A good many men with money also feel that it is not a good place for a college, inasmuch as it is away from the intense life of the day. The students miss the chance to hear and see the talented men and women who visit large cities and university towns. But it has also the manifest advantages of its comparative isolation. There is a chance to build up a distinct and unified college community. The impression of strong teachers upon the plastic minds of young men and women is less apt to be dissipated. There is little to divert students from their work. They will see the world soon enough when they get through college. Four years is not the whole of their life, by any means. The well known superiorities of the country-bred boy or girl over the city-bred may easily belong to the students of Olivet.

Therefore, my conclusion is that the churches and men of money may well turn their attention and interest to Olivet. Compared with the amount of money great universities are now requiring for their running expenses, the needs of Olivet are limited. Many of the single gifts that some colleges receive would furnish her a comfortable endowment. Five hundred thousand dollars could be invested there without detracting materially from the steady flow of gifts to larger institutions of learning in great centers of population. Olivet does not aspire to be a university, but rather to be a high class school for undergraduates where a genuinely scientific and scholarly spirit may be combined with a broadly religious spirit. Such an atmosphere is certainly most wholesome and stimulating for the average boy or girl during the four undergraduate years. There are a great many young men and women in Michigan whose parents would be affording them a very profitable experience at a comparatively small cost if they should send them to Olivet.

But a body of men and women such as the Olivet faculty is made up of cannot surely long be kept together unless enough money is raised to enable the college to pay reasonable salaries. Most of our cities and towns have men in them who might be interested and could give to Olivet if their eyes were turned in that direction. Our churches might also establish an annual Olivet day. The churches do not aspire to control Olivet college to any degree whatever. The policy and the spirit of the college

must be abundantly satisfactory to all the churches. But they might, nevertheless, make an annual contribution to the running expenses of the college that would be of material assistance.

Respectfully submitted,
A. G. BEACH.

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REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON METHODS LOOKING TO INCREASED
EFFICIENCY IN CHURCH WORK.

Brethren:—

We regret that the mover of the resolution which lead to the creation of this committee, Dr. G. G. Atkins, has left our state, and so is unable to report as chairman of this committee. In response to a letter asking for his thoughts and plans for the committee we received the following:

“I have been slow in answering your (Dr. Hadden's) letter, but through no lack of good will, either for the Michigan Conference or the cause which our committee represents. I felt in making the motion last spring that it was indefinite and in some ways redundant. The whole object of the church—or one object of the whole church, is to get people to church—why then such a committee?

“Because I think we need a new emphasis on church attendance. We have long been teaching our protestant folks that they are not saved by church going. They have learned that lesson absolutely and perfectly. We in the Congregational church have seemed almost, sometimes, afraid that our people would overdo going to church, and we have advised them to stay away from the second service and rest up. They have taken that advice. The Catholic church has held its people to an actual bodily presence and, allowing for all the difference in authority, something must be allowed with them for the difference in training.

“Might there not be, then, a place for a church attendance propaganda paradoxical as it may seem—even in the church itself—a propaganda which the laymen should largely share and direct? Nowhere is it harder for a pastor to urge the church service upon the people than in the Congregational Church; the pastor is disproportionately so much of that to which he asks the people to come. Can we not seek the wisest base for the whole matter? I had in mind, for example:

“First, the study of proportional church attendance—percentage of members, pew holders—general parishioners, children—possible church going population. A count in Detroit showed us that we were constantly overestimating our congregations, that our percentages were surprisingly small. All this not for discouragement, but for clear vision.

“Second, the creation of a sentiment among the people themselves of a new feeling for the whole thing and that on broad principles, worship, fellowship and the basic fellowship of the church itself. Method: sermon, conferences—prayer meeting discussions, and if possible, conferences between church-going and non-church-going groups of men—also a good kind of tract—forgive the word—contribution. Literature to be prepared by central committee and sent to churches.

“Third, all such changes in order of worship—conduct of service—decoration of church as shall make the whole movement of our

worship more attractive. I feel constantly, even in churches where we have ample tools to work with, how difficult it is to give power, inspiration, beauty and reverence in our common worship.

"I know how hard it becomes when the tools are scanty. I have felt sometimes, as I have shared the services of men who were doing so much in hard places, that some of the things might be changed for the better if only we had a conference committee on worship, say, which could make suggestions without seeming officious. Some years ago in Vermont we worked out under the leadership of Dr. Hungerford, a system of order of worship which had a certain basal uniformity, and in which the simplest and the most elaborate order moved in the same direction. There is a place for that. There is a place among our women for something like the altar guild of the Episcopal church. There are green and beautiful things to be had all the year around. If only hemlock and sapling pine, we should seek constantly what beauty there is.

"I do feel that there is a line here which might be followed with real profit. I do not see it clear, but I feel where it ought to go. I have a feeling that we Congregationalists are only moderate church goers. That we have made this depend too largely on the minister. Of course it will depend on him, but he can be supplemented, and how much he ought to be supplemented every minister of us knows.

"I think with the greatest joy of my fellowship with the Michigan churches and their great kindness to me. The brevity of my pastorate in Detroit I think of only with pain.

"GAIUS GLENN ATKINS."

Dr. Atkins has suggested some things that deserve our thoughtful consideration.

The church is facing a crisis, an adjustment of its methods and ideas of new conditions, but as never before it faces a glorious opportunity. The church is the divinely appointed agent to keep Jesus Christ ever before the world and to bring in His Kingdom. No other institution can take its place, and its loss or failure would be irreparable. The Rev. John Hunter of Glasgow has said:

"The failure of organized worship means, in the long run, the failure of civilization. The question of a revival of religion is the question of the revival of the progress of civilization. The church is the only producer of civic righteousness. Let us influence the higher life of men, uphold the lines of duty which awake men to noble acts and purer lives, and we need not fear for state or city."

We believe we can improve the efficiency of the churches along two lines:

I. The improvement and standardizing of the church services. While we inherit all things, the Congregational order of services that we have received from England is bare and of a Puritanical simplicity. Yet all things are ours—the wealth of ritual and liturgy, great prayers and soul-kindling anthems, the hymns of the ages, all the creeds and as many more as we wish to make, churchly architecture and decoration, noble music, and all the experiments in organization. But we are now in danger of making a mess of our possessions and being disorderly with our wealth. Each church is a law unto itself and the widest diversity prevails, so that the results are confusing and often inferior to what we might have. Has not the time come to standardize our services? Without inflicting a hard and fast uniformity on ourselves or becoming ritualists, but in the interest of good order, dignity, beauty and power, can we not secure a simple outline and suggest standards of music and responses

that will enrich and enoble our regular services, and still leave us all the freedom we inherit, and preserve our liberty of prophesying that is so dear to us. We believe and recommend to this body that such an outline and suggestions should be prepared for the consideration of the churches.

II. A campaign of education and agitation is needed among our people to produce a new appreciation of the value of church going. With enriched service, more impressive architecture and decorations, better quality of music, and more chance for the people to share in the services by responses and hymns—all creating an atmosphere not only of high thought and of peaceful and uplifting emotion, but of stimulus to heart and brain and conscience, the people need to be led to see that they owe it to themselves and their children to be regularly in their places at church service.

Here is a real duty and task. The church is hard beset. The temptation of the well-educated and the well-to-do people to spend Sunday socially, or in pleasure, the temptation of the working people to use it for sport and outdoor life, and the temptation of the corporations to drive the wheels of industry over time and seven days in the week, are great. To impress on people who have escaped the old fear of authority, and the old compulsion of priest and parson, the inestimable value of spending at least once a week a half day in the spiritual atmosphere of Christian worship is the business before us.

Such a propaganda and campaign as Dr. Atkins suggests seems to us wise and practicable, and we recommend that special attention be given to it.

The task of the churches calls for steadiness and regularity in attendance at the church services and meetings. Never was the church trying to do so much and competing so with so many other agencies and interests of its constituency.

The task locally, nationally and world wide of evangelizing all people, the task of keeping clean cut and unmistakable the great ideals of Christian ethics before men, the task of lending a hand to the multitude of good causes that claim the support of church going people, the task of originating and sustaining new ways of fulfilling the mission of the church, in short the task of spiritual and moral leadership in the community, who is sufficient for these things? Now it is evident that this work can only be done by people who regularly assemble themselves together for counsel, fellowship, instruction, and inspiration. An absentee membership is not only disheartening to pastors, but is fatal to the work of the church. The burden of this task demands the presence of Christian men and women at the place where the work is done at the regular services of the church. We ask, therefore, that pastors and teachers and parents emphasize this fact whenever and by all means possible.

Our recommendations then are: First, that a plan of improving, and at the same time unifying the services of the churches be devised. Second, that special emphasis and effort be made to secure greater steadiness and regularity of church attendance on the part of the members of our congregations.

ARCHIBALD HADDEN.
DEMAS COCHLIN.
ERNEST EVANS.
JAMES F. HALLIDAY.
Committee.

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REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EXAMINATION AND COURSE OF STUDY.

This committee hereby submits the revised outline of work to be done by candidates for ordination. It is earnestly recommended that the faithful pursuance of this course be obligatory upon those who are seeking annual licenses and ultimate ordination from our associations. (See pages 17 and 18 of these minutes for outline of course.)

It is recommended that candidates for ordination who have begun work on the former course may be permitted to complete that course or change to the new course as may be best.

The committee has held conferences during this session with fifteen candidates. Of these candidates one, Mr. R. L. Wintz, has been advised to complete his course with Chicago Seminary by correspondence. Four candidates were examined upon the third year's work, and are hereby recommended by the committees to their respective associations for examination and ordination. These candidates are, Mr. W. I. St. John, Mr. Wm. Mitchell, Mr. C. A. Parmiter and Mr. G. H. Coman. Four candidates, Mr. J. M. MacLeod, Mr. P. A. Arnold, Mr. W. C. Bowins and Mr. Martin Trapp, have been examined on the work of the first two years. Of these, Mr. Arnold and Mr. Trapp are advanced to the third year's work. Mr. Bowins was advised to take the second year's work in the new course; Mr. MacLeod is advanced to the work of the third year with specifications from the committee. Four candidates presented themselves for examination on the work of the first year: Mr. C. W. Clemo, Mr. A. McCallum, Mr. G. D. Lyford and Mr. W. E. Lyon. Of these, Mr. Lyon is advised to pursue the course from the beginning. Mr. Lyford, Mr. McCallum and Mr. Clemo are advanced to the second year. One candidate, Mr. John Duncan, was advised, upon the basis of studies already pursued, to follow special parts of the Conference Course and to come up for final examination in one year. Mr. B. D. Snook presented himself for conference with the committee, and is recommended for the course of study. It is understood that candidates will make the transition from the old course to the new upon consultation with the committee.

F. H. FOSTER.

F. W. SASS.

S. E. KELLEY.

H. A. PUTNAM.

C. S. PATTON.

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The Committee on Resolutions begs leave to submit the following:

1. *Resolved*, That, in response to the communication received from Miss Ellen M. Stone, with reference to the reimbursement of those who contributed to the fund for her ransom, the Michigan Congregational Conference in session assembled does hereby urge upon the National House of Representatives the immediate passage of the bill already passed for this purpose by the United States Senate, and now in the hands of the House Committee on Claims.

2. *Resolved*, That the Conference hereby expresses its distinguished

appreciation of the generous action of the pastor and people of the church in Ludington, in inviting the Conference to meet with them in the emergency of the failure of its original plans for its annual meeting. Our obligation to the good people of Ludington is further increased by the fact that other conventions have been held in the city at the same time. Under all these circumstances, the hospitality of our Ludington friends cannot be too warmly appreciated.

3. *Resolved*, That the Conference hereby expresses its appreciation of the untiring efforts of the business committee for the success of the session, and renders its thanks to all who, in the unusual circumstances under which the meeting has been held, have contributed to make it one of the best meetings of our denominational history.

Respectfully submitted,

F. W. BUSH,

C. S. PATTON,

Committee on Resolutions.

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MICHIGAN CONGREGATIONAL CONFERENCE.

Treasurer's Report.

REV. B. H. BURTT, President of the Board of Trustees, Michigan Congregational

Conference:

DEAR SIR:—I hereby submit the Treasurer's report for the fiscal year ending
March 31, 1910.

Respectfully,

C. A. GOWER,

Lansing, April 30, 1910.

Treasurer.

C. A. GOWER, Treasurer,

In account with the Michigan Congregational Conference:

To balance on hand April 30, 1909—		
Cash		\$4,825 82
Bonds (par value)	26,500 00	\$31,825 82
Receipts to Jubilee Fund (Statement A)	250 00	
" " C. L. Ford Fund (Statement B)	557 25	
" " Ministerial Relief Fund (Statement C)	1,647 99	
" " General Expense Fund (Statement D)	1,380 24	
" " Benzonia Academy Fund (Statement E)	300 00	
" " New Work Fund (Statement F)	410 00	
" " Sunday School Department (Statement G)	2,117 73	
" " Circulating Library Dept. (Statement H)	95 00	
" " Home Missionary Dept. (Statement I)	17,770 28	
" " Mrs. L. A. H. Childs Fund (Statement J)	75 00	
" " Nashville Church Prop. Fund (Statement K)	112 50	
" " Institute Fund (Statement L)	85 41	24,801 40
		<u>\$56,127 22</u>
By Payments of Grants to Missionaries	\$10,339 43	
" " Salary of Superintendent	2,500 00	
" " " Registrar	100 00	
" " " Treasurer	668 03	
" " " Stenographer	523 83	
" " " General Missionary	1,200 00	
" " " S. S. Missionary	770 21	
" " Traveling Expenses of Superintendent	375 00	
" " " " General Missionary	360 00	
" " " " S. S. Missionary	483 40	
" " Postage and Express	359 83	
" " Printing and Stationery	494 11	
" " Office Rent	180 00	
" " Expenses of Trustees and Ex. Com. attending meetings	118 83	
" " C. H. M. S. (15% of receipts from churches)	1,051 23	
" " Beneficiaries of Ministerial Relief Fund	1,003 00	
" " Expenses of Secy. of Ministerial Relief Fund	52 83	
" " Repairs on Property at Old Mission	22 50	
" " Investment in mortgage—M. R. Fund	1,100 00	
" " Litigation re Bartlett Legacy—H. M. Fund	882 15	
" " Expense of Institute	85 16	
" " Interest on Loans	41 50	
" " C. S. S. & P. Society to balance as per contract	656 86	
" " Bank Loans paid	4,500 00	

By Benzonia Academy—Interest on Bonds.....	\$300 00
“ Circulating Library—Books and Supplies.....	97 76
“ Miscellaneous expenses.....	186 11
“ Cash on hand April 30, 1910.....	1,164 46
“ Bonds (par value).....	<u>26,500 00</u>
	<u>\$56,127 22</u>

Statement A.—Jubilee Fund.

By Securities (par value).....	\$5,000 00
“ Interest.....	250 00
To transferred to Home Mission Fund.....	125 00
“ “ “ S. S. Fund.....	125 00
“ Bonds (par value).....	<u>5,000 00</u>
	<u>5,250 00</u>

Statement B.—C. L. Ford Fund.

By Balance on hand April 24, 1909:	
“ Bonds (par value).....	\$8,000 00
“ Cash.....	468 87
“ Received Interest on Bonds.....	412 50
“ Avails of Detroit Property (sold on contract).....	144 75
	<u>557 25</u>
	<u>\$9,021 12</u>
To Taxes on Chicago Lots.....	\$10 50
“ Miscellaneous Expenses.....	5 00
“ Transferred to General Expense Acct.....	758 62
“ “ “ Sunday School Fund.....	247 00
“ Bonds (par value).....	8,000 00
	<u>9,021 12</u>

Statement C.—Department of Ministerial Relief.

By Balance on hand April 24, 1909, bonds (par value).....	\$8,500 00
“ Cash.....	1,256 68
“ Received interest on bonds.....	425 00
“ “ from W. H. M. U.....	20 00
“ From Churches.....	801 54
“ “ Associations.....	187 45
“ “ Individuals.....	214 00
	<u>1,647 99</u>
	<u>\$11,404 67</u>
To paid to Beneficiaries.....	\$1,008 00
“ Repairs on Old Mission property.....	22 50
“ Postage, stationery, etc.	52 33
“ Investment in mortgage.....	1,100 00
“ Bonds (par value).....	8,500 00
“ Balance on hand April 30, 1910,.....	<u>726 84</u>
	<u>\$11,404 67</u>

Statement D.—General Expense Fund.

By Receipts from Associations.....	\$1,244 38
“ Transfer from C. L. Ford Fund.....	758 62
“ “ “ Home Missionary Fund.....	2,745 62
“ “ “ Sunday School Fund.....	686 41
“ Miscellaneous receipts.....	135 86
“ Overdraft	4 55
	<u>\$5,575 44</u>

To Transfer to Sunday School Fund.....	\$84 20
" Paid on Registrar's salary.....	100 00
" " " sundry expenses.....	89 75
Salary of Superintendent.....	2,500 00
Traveling expenses.....	375 00
Salary of Treasurer (\$218 03 on 1908-9).....	668 03
Salary of stenographer	525 83
Postage and express	350 88
Trustees and Ex. Committee expenses.....	118 83
Printing and stationery.....	494 11
Office rent.....	180 00
Treasurer's bond.....	25 00
Rent of 'phone.....	18 00
Miscellaneous expenses.....	87 86
	<u>\$5,575 44</u>

Statement E.—Benzonia Academy Fund.

By balance on hand April 26, 1909, bonds (par value).....	\$5,000 00
" Interest on bonds.....	300 00
To paid Treasurer of Benzonia Academy.....	<u>\$5,300 00</u>
" bonds in hand (par value).....	<u>5,000 00</u>

Statement F.—New Work Fund.

By receipts on coupon notes.....	\$410 00
To transferred to Home Missionary account.....	<u>\$410 00</u>

Statement G.—Sunday School Department.

By contributions from churches, Sunday schools, etc.....	\$1,640 92
" contributed by a friend	50 00
" transferred from O. L. Ford fund.....	247 00
" refunded by O. S. S. and P. Society,—advances to S. S. Missionary	426 81
" transferred from Jubilee fund	125 00
" " " General Exp. fund	84 20
" overdraft	88 44
	<u>\$2,657 87</u>
To literature and postage.....	\$51 49
" salary of S. S. Missionary.....	779 21
" expenses of Sunday School Missionary.....	483 40
" one-eighth general expense of Conference	686 41
" balance with O. S. S. and P. S. as per contract.....	656 88
	<u>2,657 87</u>

Statement H.—Circulating Library Fund.

Cash on hand April 26, 1909,.....	\$11 68
Membership fees paid.....	95 00
To paid for books, printing and supplies.....	<u>\$97 76</u>
" balance on hand.....	<u>8 92</u>

Statement I.—Home Missionary Department.

By cash on hand April 26, 1909,.....	\$3,098 50
" transferred from Jubilee fund.....	\$125 00
" " " Mrs. L. A. H. Childs fund.....	75 00
" " " Nashville Ch. Prop. fund.....	112 50

To transferred from New Work fund.....	\$410 00
" " " sale of Sugar Island property.....	75 00
" received from churches.....	8,588 87
" " " Sunday Schools.....	188 78
" " " Y. P. S. C. E.....	29 50
" " " C. H. M. S.....	312 15
" " " W. H. M. U.....	4,020 38
" miscellaneous sources and anonymous gifts.....	65 60
" bank loans.....	4,500 00
	<u>\$18,492 78</u>
	<u>\$21,586 87</u>
By payments grants to missionaries.....	\$10,889 48
" salary of General Missionary.....	1,200 00
" traveling expenses of General Missionary.....	380 00
" one-half of expenses charged to general expense.....	2,745 62
" C. H. M. S. (15% of receipts from churches, etc.).....	1,061 23
" litigation—re Louisa Corning Bartlett legacy.....	882 15
" interest on loans.....	41 50
" loans repaid.....	4,500 00
" cash on hand April 30, 1910,.....	516 44
	<u>21,586 87</u>

Statement J.—Mrs. L. A. H. Childs Fund.

By interest on bonds	\$75 00
To transferred to Home Missionary fund.....	<u>75 00</u>
	<u><u>75 00</u></u>

Statement K.—Nashville Church Property.

By interest on bonds.....	\$112 50
To transferred to Home Missionary fund.....	<u>112 50</u>
	<u><u>112 50</u></u>

Statement L.—Institute Fund.

By contributions from churches and individuals.....	\$85 41
To expenses of Institute.....	<u>\$85 16</u>
" cash on hand April 30, 1910,.....	<u>25</u>
	<u><u>85 41</u></u>

The Jubilee Fund of \$5,000 was constituted by the Board of Trustees of the Michigan Congregational Association from bequest of Mrs. C. L. Ford, of Ann Arbor, with stipulation in bequest that the proceeds thereof should be used for the cause of Home Missions in Michigan. This fund is invested in Jackson (Mich.) Gas Company Bonds Nos. 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, \$1,000 each. Due 1937, interest 5 per cent., payable April 1 and November 1.

The C. L. Ford Fund was constituted by the Board of Trustees of the Michigan Congregational Association from bequest of Corydon L. Ford, of Ann Arbor, which made the Association residuary legatee and placed no restrictions upon the use of the proceeds. This fund is invested as follows:

Duluth, Rainy Lake and Winnipeg Railroad Bond, No. 52, for \$1,000, due January 1, 1916, interest 5 per cent., payable July 1 and January 1.

Flint (Mich.) Gas Company Gas Bonds, No. 120, \$500. Due November 1, 1924, interest 5 per cent., due April 1 and November 1.

La Porte (Ind.) Gas Co. Bond, No. 71, \$500, due April 1, 1925, interest 5 per cent., due April 1 and October 1.

Jackson (Mich.) Gas Company bonds, Nos. 220, 221, 222, 223, 224, and 240, \$1,000 each, due 1937, interest 5 per cent., payable April 1 and October 1.

Four pieces of real estate in Detroit and five house lots at Des Plaines, Ill., originally belonged to the C. L. Ford fund. Three of the Detroit descriptions have been sold and deeded. The fourth Detroit description was sold to Clark Sackett on contract. There is now a balance of \$1,468.66 due on this property. The Detroit property belonging to this fund has been for several years cared for by Mr. Roman A. Bissell, of Detroit, who collects on contracts, and remits to the treasurer monthly. The Des Plaines (Ill.) lots are of very little present value. Responsible parties who are acquainted with the property advise holding the same for a possible increase in value.

The Ministerial Relief Fund was constituted by the Board of Trustees from the bequest of \$5,000 of Mrs. C. L. Ford, of Ann Arbor. This was subsequently increased by further bequest of C. L. Ford, of Ann Arbor, and has grown by the surplus of receipts over disbursements. The securities of this fund consist of:

Grand Rapids (Mich.) Gas Company Bond, No. 741, \$1,000, due February 1, 1915, interest 5 per cent., due February 1 and August 1.

Jackson (Mich.) Gas Company Bonds, Nos. 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, \$1,000 each, due 1937, interest 5 per cent., due April 1 and October 1.

La Porte (Ind.) Gas Company Bonds, Nos. 3, 4 and 5, \$500 each. No. 126, \$1,000, due April 1, 1925, interest 5 per cent., payable April 1 and November 1.

During the past year an investment of \$1,100 of this fund has been made in a mortgage on real estate in the City of Lansing. The property is appraised at \$2,200.

The Benzonia Academy Fund was constituted by the gift of Miss Emily B. Dickinson, of Romeo, to the Association in the interest of Benzonia Academy under terms which are given in document in our possession. This fund is invested in Virginia Lumber Co. Bonds, Nos. 526, 527, 528, 529, 530, \$1,000 each, due February 1, 1911, interest 6 per cent., payable August 1 and February 1.

The Michigan Congregational Conference also owns property of Old Mission, appraised at \$1,200. This property is at present occupied by Rev. Leroy Warren, D. D., formerly Superintendent of Home Missions for Michigan.

The securities above referred to and papers pertaining to real estate belonging to the Association, are in the custody of the treasurer and are deposited in a safety deposit vault of the Lansing State Savings Bank.

I hereby certify that I have examined the books and vouchers of C. A. Gower, Treasurer of the Michigan Congregational Association, and find them to be correct. I have also found that the securities and other papers referred to in the text of this report are in the possession of the Treasurer, as stated.

Lansing, Michigan, May 26, 1910.

FRANK B. MCKIBBIN,
Auditor.

HOME MISSIONARY DEPARTMENT.

Contributions in Detail.

Totals in first column are the apportionments voted by the Conference to the several Associations, and the amounts assigned to individual churches are those voted by the local associations, and the sum of the latter does not necessarily agree with the total at the foot of the column. In the second column, where several payments have been made, the sum only is given. Contributions to the National Society are included. The contributions to the New Work Fund are not included in the amounts credited on the apportionment, but are given separately.

CHURCHES.	Amt. Appor- tioned.	Amt. Con- tribut'd	CHURCHES.	Amt. Appor- tioned.	Amt. Con- tribut'd
<i>Cheboygan Association.</i>					
Alba	\$38 28	\$9 00	Flat Rock	\$15 00	\$15 00
Atlanta	3 86	7 00	Gibraltar	-----	1 70
Bellaire	64 28	64 28	Highland Park	10 00	10 00
Big Rock	10 56	5 00	Maybee	10 00	16 00
Central Lake	33 30	34 50	Metamora	10 10	11 25
Charlevoix	90 42	96 61	Newport	2 50	3 20
Cheboygan	97 02	121 44	Orion	10 00	-----
Eastport	-----	-----	Oxford	35 00	32 00
Echo	10 56	10 66	Pontiac	100 00	57 50
Ellsworth	12 54	12 84	Rochester	30 00	30 00
Excelsior	-----	10 00	Rockwood	5 00	5 00
Gaylord	54 78	54 78	Royal Oak	5 00	10 00
Hetherton	-----	-----	Utica	15 00	3 00
Ironton	23 10	23 20	Wayne	45 00	30 00
Johannesburg	26 40	51 40	Wyandotte	25 00	25 00
Kalkaska	46 86	25 00	Total	\$2,200 00	\$2,330 03
Lewiston	48 84	-----	<i>Eastern Association.</i>		
Mancelona	89 10	34 50	Almont	\$90 00	\$76 89
Mio	-----	-----	Armada	65 00	65 00
Rondo	4 62	4 68	Carsonville	10 00	10 00
Vanderbilt	36 30	-----	Chesterfield	10 00	-----
Wolverine	40 26	40 32	Columbus	30 00	22 38
Total	\$525 00	\$625 21	Helena	10 00	-----
<i>Detroit Association.</i>			Imlay City	70 00	70 08
Detroit, First	\$1,025 00	\$1,084 90	Memphis	35 00	20 00
Detroit, Wood'd Ave	500 00	388 15	New Baltimore	10 00	10 00
Detroit, Fort St.	100 00	105 30	New Haven	10 00	7 00
Detroit, Mt. Hope	10 00	4 00	Port Huron, First	400 00	400 00
Detroit, Brewster	100 00	104 53	“ 24th St.	20 00	5 25
Detroit, Boulevard	50 00	38 75	“ Ross Mem.	25 00	10 67
Detroit, N.Wood'd.	600 00	349 75	“ Sturgis Mem.	10 00	10 00
Dundee	10 00	10 00	Port Sanilac	5 00	5 00
			Richmond	40 00	25 93

CHURCHES.	Amt. Appor- tioned	Amt. Con- tribut'd
Romeo	\$125 00	\$92 88
St. Clair	125 00	127 14
White Rock	5 00	-----
Total	\$1,150 00	\$958 22

Genesee Association.

Bancroft	\$40 00	\$4 50
Belford	10 00	-----
Deerfield	7 00	-----
Durand	25 00	25 00
Flint	65 00	55 46
Grand Blanc	38 00	27 52
Hartland	10 00	10 00
Highland	18 50	18 50
Laingsburg	35 00	35 00
Linden	22 00	3 86
Ovid	60 00	50 28
Owosso	209 00	95 00
Perry	37 00	37 00
St. Johns	100 00	100 00
Shaftsburg	7 30	7 30
Tyrone	21 00	50
Vernon	35 00	10 75
Victor	25 00	25 00
Total	\$800 00	\$505 88

Gladstone Association.

Cooks	-----	\$2 00
Fayette	-----	12 30
Garden	-----	9 75
Gladstone	-----	6 00
Isabella	-----	1 00
Nahma	-----	-----
Rapid River	-----	27 88
Wells	-----	-----
Total	\$50 00	\$58 88

Grand Rapids Association.

Ada, 1st	\$25 00	\$15 50
Ada, 2nd	5 00	-----
Allendale	35 00	35 00
Alpine & Walker	25 00	-----
Alpine Center	10 00	2 00
Bass River	10 00	-----
Bradley	14 77	14 77
Cannon	50 00	22 15
Cannonsburg	10 00	-----
Cedar Springs	10 00	10 00
Clarksville	25 00	7 60
Conklin	20 00	25 00
Corinth	10 00	-----
Douglas	25 00	23 40
Eastmanville	10 00	10 00

CHURCHES.	Amt. Appor- tioned	Amt. Con- tribut'd
East Nelson	\$15 00	\$-----
East Paris	17 67	18 13
Freeport	30 00	6 64
Grand Rapids, 1st	226 25	-----
" 2nd	-----	10 00
" South	-----	10 00
" Smith Mem.	-----	5 00
" Plymouth	-----	25 00
" East	-----	-----
" Wallin Mem.	-----	2 00
" City Union	-----	-----
Grandville	-----	7 50
Greenville	200 00	35 15
Howard City	15 00	15 00
Hudsonville	25 00	28 24
Jenison	5 00	5 00
Lamont	25 00	25 00
Lowell	30 00	47 17
Middleville	25 00	11 18
Moline	50 00	7 00
Rockford	20 00	20 00
Saugatuck	30 00	36 05
South Boston	10 00	10 00
Wayland	20 00	7 50
Total	\$1,500 00	\$723 23

Grand Traverse Association.

Benzonia	\$124 00	\$100 90
Buckley	10 00	18 80
Cedar	13 50	9 72
Cedar Run	-----	-----
Cleon & Marilla	6 00	8 50
Copemish	6 00	6 25
Eastlake	21 00	11 00
Filer City	2 50	-----
Frankfort	34 00	5 00
Gilmore	21 00	-----
Homestead	15 00	14 50
Honor	13 00	18 00
Lake Ann	18 50	18 50
Manistee	178 00	178 00
Maple City	17 50	-----
Northport	72 50	63 82
Old Mission	21 00	26 45
Omena	15 00	8 50
Onekema	11 00	5 00
Pleasanton	14 50	6 00
Sherman	16 87	16 87
Suttons Bay	18 50	5 00
Thompsonville	50 00	33 65
Traverse City, 1st	130 50	74 85
" Oak Park	16 50	12 50
Total	\$800 00	\$682 31

CHURCHES.	Amt. Appor- tioned	Amt. Con- tribut'd
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Jackson Association.

Ann Arbor	\$425 00	\$142 86
Chelsea	175 00	116 78
Delhi Mills	-----	12 00
Dexter	25 00	10 00
Grass Lake	75 00	81 89
Hamburg	15 00	5 00
Jackson, 1st	400 00	407 31
" Plymouth	35 00	44 00
Leslie, 1st	35 00	35 00
Michigan Center	14 00	14 75
Pinckney	25 00	20 00
Salem, 1st	20 00	22 00
" 2nd	45 00	7 00
Sandstone	60 00	60 00
Union City	175 00	82 94
Webster	35 00	15 00
Whittaker	10 00	-----
Ypsilanti	175 00	74 50
Total	\$2,075 00	\$1,151 08

Kalamazoo Association.

Alamo	\$45 05	\$22 75
Allegan	98 28	62 45
Augusta	24 91	18 00
Bangor, 1st	27 56	11 48
Bangor, West	25 97	23 05
Baroda	10 60	-----
Benton Harbor	200 00	200 00
Bridgman	23 85	15 00
Coloma	21 73	9 70
Constantine	89 57	49 87
Cooper	45 05	43 78
Covert	102 29	23 00
Dowagiac	71 55	72 00
Galesburg	51 94	51 94
Grand Junction	10 60	24 00
Hartford	38 69	8 00
Hilliards	23 32	15 00
Hopkins, 1st	25 44	22 00
Hopkins Station	40 34	31 00
Kalamazoo	317 49	162 63
Kendall	18 62	8 70
Lawrence	24 91	13 05
Mattawan	38 16	5 00
Otsego	58 85	38 08
St. Joseph	95 40	100 00
South Haven	134 58	79 21
Texas	11 66	-----
Three Oaks	101 76	109 39
Vicksburg	56 71	27 00
Watervliet	48 23	50 23
Total	\$1,900 00	\$1,296 31

CHURCHES.	Amt. Appor- tioned	Amt. Con- tribut'd
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Lake Superior Association.

Bacon Hill	\$4 00	\$4 75
Calumet	210 00	147 45
Chassell	30 00	30 00
Hancock	206 00	269 00
Hubbell	47 00	-----
Kenton	11 00	11 00
Lake Linden	78 00	12 82
Red Jacket	160 00	27 15
Redridge	18 00	14 00
Trout Creek	5 00	-----
Total	\$750 00	\$516 17

Lansing Association.

Belding	\$50 00	\$50 00
Butternut	15 00	15 00
Carson City	25 00	-----
Chippewa Lake	15 00	15 00
Coral	20 00	20 00
Crystal	20 00	20 00
East Lansing	25 00	25 00
Edmore	22 00	5 00
Fenwick	7 00	-----
Grand Ledge	75 00	29 15
Lake Odessa	35 00	-----
Lakeview	30 00	30 00
Lansing, Plymouth	440 00	440 00
" Pilgrim	70 00	72 50
" Mayflower	10 00	10 00
Mulliken	80 00	38 00
Nevins Lake	10 00	8 80
Portland	46 00	46 08
Rodney	5 00	10 00
Saranac	25 00	25 00
Sheridan	20 00	14 50
Shiloh	5 00	-----
Sidney	10 00	-----
Six Lakes	10 00	10 00
Stanton	85 00	85 00
Wacousta	20 00	6 00
Westville	5 00	4 25
Williamston	20 00	5 00
Total	\$1,125 00	\$979 28

Muskegon Association.

Big Prairie	\$5 00	\$5 00
Fremont	70 00	48 18
Fruitport	-----	-----
Grand Haven	25 00	25 00
Hart	50 00	50 00
Muskegon, 1st	250 00	302 83
" Highland P'k	10 00	7 50

CHURCHES.	Amt. Appor- tioned	Amt. Con- tribut'd
Jackson Street	-----	\$7 00
Newaygo	\$15 00	15 00
Nunica	10 00	-----
Shelby	30 00	30 00
White Cloud	15 00	-----
White Hall	20 00	12 17
Total	\$500 00	\$502 63
<i>North Central Association.</i>		
Baldwin	\$15 75	\$17 25
Big Rapids, 1st	86 80	11 00
" Township	15 00	-----
Cadillac	150 00	150 00
Chase	18 50	8 00
Clare	50 00	37 90
Custer	21 75	21 75
Dover	15 00	-----
Farwell	35 00	8 20
Fern	7 50	-----
Harrison	32 25	32 31
Hersey	20 00	25 00
Ludington	200 00	178 70
Reed City	75 00	51 78
Total	\$675 00	\$541 84
<i>Olivet Association.</i>		
Athens	\$20 00	\$20 00
Bedford	27 00	7 50
Carmel	20 00	-----
Ceresco	15 00	5 00
Charlotte	212 50	105 00
Chester	8 00	-----
Chester Station	12 00	-----
East Newton	5 00	-----
Eaton Rapids	90 00	15 00
Fredonia	20 00	3 00
Johnstown & Barry	10 00	10 00
Kalamo	20 00	-----
Lacey	5 00	-----
Leonidas	20 00	8 69
Leroy	20 00	23 50
Millett	5 00	2 00
Olivet	212 50	184 06
Onondaga	20 00	20 00
Potterville	5 00	-----
Vermontville	75 00	41 25
Total	\$850 00	\$445 00

CHURCHES.	Amt. Appor- tioned	Amt. Con- tribut'd
<i>Saginaw Association.</i>		
Alpena	\$185 00	\$125 00
Bay City	100 00	27 69
Breckenridge	35 00	35 00
Bridgeport	16 00	16 00
Essexville	16 00	16 00
Freeland	20 00	10 00
Merrill	20 00	20 00
Roscommon	16 00	16 00
Saginaw, 1st	440 00	440 00
" Genesee Av.	5 00	-----
Standish	25 00	25 00
Total	\$900 00	\$780 69
<i>Sault Ste. Marie Association.</i>		
Allenville	-----	\$15 00
Brimley	-----	10 00
Drummond	-----	-----
Mackinac Island	-----	22 36
Pine Grove	-----	18 00
Rosedale	-----	-----
Total	-----	\$65 36
<i>Southern Association.</i>		
Addison	\$20 00	\$20 60
Algansee	10 00	10 00
Batavia	5 00	-----
Bethel	10 00	10 00
Bronson	40 00	15 00
Canandaigua	-----	-----
Clinton	110 00	110 21
East Gilead	20 00	20 00
Hudson	130 00	130 00
Jefferson	8 00	-----
Litchfield	75 00	78 50
Mattison	5 00	-----
Morenci	69 00	47 11
North Adams	37 50	30 00
Pittsford	35 00	36 00
Prattville	25 00	25 00
Ransom	20 00	20 00
Somerset	45 00	35 00
Tipton	30 00	-----
West Adrian	31 00	55 00
Wheatland	95 00	61 75
Total	\$875 00	\$704 17

GIFTS BY ASSOCIATIONS.

Cheboygan Association.....	\$625 21
Detroit Association	2380 08
Eastern Association.....	958 22
Genesee Association.....	505 67
Gladstone Association	58 88
Grand Rapids Association	723 23
Grand Traverse Association	632 31
Jackson Association.....	1151 08
Kalamazoo Association.....	1296 31
Lake Superior Association	516 17
Lansing Association.....	979 28
Muskegon Association.....	502 63
North Central Association	541 84
Olivet Association.....	445 00
Saginaw Association.....	730 69
S. S. Marie Association.....	65 86
Southern Association.....	704 17
	\$12766 08

GIFTS FOR NEW WORK FUND BY ASSOCIATIONS.

Cheboygan Association:	
Johannesburg church.....	\$20 00
	20 00
Detroit Association:	
Detroit, N. Woodward Woman's Assn. and Business Men's Class	\$20 00
Mrs. C. L. Stevens	100 00
Pontiac, Plymouth Club.....	20 00
	140 00
Eastern Association:	
O. F. Moore, St. Clair.....	\$20 00
M. I. Brabb, Romeo	20 00
	40 00
Grand Rapids Association:	
Mrs. Eva D. McBain, Grand Rapids.....	\$20 00
	20 00
Grand Traverse Association:	
Rev. H. S. Mills, Benzonia	\$20 00
	20 00
Kalamazoo Association:	
Kalamazoo 1st Sunday School.....	\$10 00
" Y. P. S. C. E.....	20 00
	30 00
Lake Superior Association:	
E. S. Grierson, Calumet.....	\$20 00
Mrs. Mary McDonald, Calumet.....	20 00
Calumet Sunday School.....	20 00
John Wagner, Hancock.....	20 00
	80 00
Muskegon Association:	
Rev. Frederick Bagnall, Hart	\$20 00
	20 00
North Central Association:	
V. H. Hanchett and C. W. Doe, Big Rapids.....	\$20 00
	20 00
Southern Association:	
W. S. Kimball, Clinton	\$20 00
	20 00
	\$410 00

MISCELLANEOUS GIFTS.

Proceeds of sale of Sugar Island Property.....	\$75 00
Sundry items.....	12 10
Anonymous	30 00
Mrs. F. A. Avery	28 50

\$140 60

CITY UNIONS.

Detroit City Union	\$4110 00
Grand Rapids City Union.....	1599 11

5709 11

INTEREST ON PERMANENT FUNDS.

Jubilee Fund.....	\$125 00
Mrs. L. A. H. Childs Fund.....	75 00
Nashville Church Fund.....	112 50
W. H. M. U.....	260 40

497 90

SUMMARY.

By Associations.....	\$12786 08
New Work Fund.....	410 00
Interest on Permanent Funds.....	497 90
City Unions	5709 11
Miscellaneous Gifts.....	140 60
To O. H. M. S	367 23

\$19965 87

Deduct contributions to City Unions.....	\$5709 11
Contributions retained by C. H. M. S.....	55 08

5764 19

\$14201 68

GRANTS BY ASSOCIATIONS.

Cheboygan Association.....	\$900 73
Detroit Association	719 06
Eastern Association.....	715 62
Genesee Association.....	350 00
Gladstone Association.....	799 98
Grand Rapids Association.....	667 05
Grand Traverse Association	1,098 77
Jackson Association.....	190 98
Kalamazoo Association.....	354 94
Lake Superior Association	494 96
Lansing Association	1,350 80
Muskegon Association.....	337 44
North Central Association	445 50
Olivet Association.....	172 50
Saginaw Association.....	820 75
Sault Ste. Marie Association.....	350 00
Southern Association.....	102 08

\$9,884 16

MINISTERIAL RELIEF FUND.

Receipts in Detail.

Allegan	\$4 00	Metamora	\$10 00
Allendale	4 00	Muskegon, 1st	45 00
Alpena	15 00	Nevins Lake	2 65
Ann Arbor	17 77	North Adams	1 00
Baldwin	4 00	Northport	4 97
Bedford	3 70	Old Mission	9 08
Benton Harbor	22 00	Olivet	5 38
Brimley	1 40	Pittsford	1 00
Buckley	1 26	Port Huron, 1st	10 00
Butternut	1 52	Rockford	2 50
Calumet	23 89	Roscommon	3 00
Carson City	6 64	Royal Oak	5 00
Central Lake	1 61	Saginaw, 1st	5 00
Charlevoix	5 10	Saginaw, Genesee St.	1 75
Chase	1 00	St. Clair	21 40
Chassell	5 75	St. Johns	20 95
Chelsea	2 00	St. Joseph	9 00
Clinton	16 00	Sandstone	1 00
Coonklin	5 00	Saugatuck	2 75
Covert	2 25	Shelby	3 80
Crystal	2 29	Sherman	1 54
Detroit, 1st	50 27	South Haven	13 90
Detroit, Boulevard	6 00	Stanton	15 00
Detroit, Fort Street	15 00	Three Oaks	103 57
Douglas	5 80	Traverse City, 1st	23 05
Fremont	5 50	Union City	4 25
Garden	4 00	Vernon	6 00
Gaylord	8 73	Watervliet	18 00
Grand Blanc	4 75	Ypsilanti	5 00
Grand Haven	10 00	W. H. M. U.	20 00
Grand Junction	2 50	Cheboygan Association	16 27
Grand Ledge	3 35	Detroit	22 74
Grand Rapids, 1st, Miss. Soc.	27 50	Eastern	20 34
Grand Rapids, South	9 00	Gladstone	4 51
Grandville	20	Grand Rapids	21 19
Greenville	20	Grand Traverse	11 34
Hancock	17 15	Jackson	9 88
Highland	5 00	Kalamazoo	23 55
Hilliards	1 00	Lake Superior	26 05
Hopkins, 2nd	10 63	Lansing	7 20
Hudson	8 79	Muskegon	10 65
Hudsonville	2 00	North Central	1 72
Imlay City	12 40	Saginaw	9 91
Jackson, 1st	10 00	Sault Ste. Marie	2 58
Lansing, Pilgrim	3 10	Southern	17 89
Lake Linden	5 00	State Association Offering	37 05
Leslie	2 00	A Friend	100 00
Litchfield	7 00	Miss Mary Messenger, Detroit	10 00
Ludington	29 49	Individual gifts	3 00
Manistee	8 37	Interest on permanent funds	425 00
Maybee	6 76	Total	\$1647 99
Merrill	2 00		

MINUTES OF THE SECOND ANNUAL MEETING OF
THE MICHIGAN CONGREGATIONAL BROTHER-
HOOD AT LUDINGTON, JUNE 10th, 1910.

A banquet was served in the church parlors at 6 o'clock to 150 men.

Evening meeting called to order by L. P. Haight, Muskegon, vice-president, in absence of president, Mr. W. H. Strong, Detroit.

Minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

The following amendment to constitution was adopted:

To amend article six to read, "Each local brotherhood is expected to make an annual contribution for the expenses of the State Brotherhood."

Secretary's report was read. Eight local brotherhoods were reported enrolled in the State Brotherhood. Fourteen other brotherhoods were reported, though not enrolled in State Brotherhood. Total membership in the local brotherhoods reported was 1,100. Other brotherhoods are in existence, though not reported, and the total report of members is therefore incomplete. Report filed.

Treasurer's report, showing receipts of \$8, disbursements of \$4.20, and one unpaid bill of stationery, \$5.90, was received and filed.

Following officers were elected to serve during the coming year:

President, L. P. Haight, Muskegon.

Vice President, Rev. I. W. Stuart, Alpena.

Secretary-Treasurer, J. L. Gillard, Muskegon.

The part the Brotherhood can do in putting into active operation the great work agitated by the Laymen's Missionary Movement, was discussed by Dr. Hadden, of Muskegon, Rev. M. J. Norton, and Rev. Samuel T. Morris. Prof. T. W. Nadal spoke on the work of Olivet College. One valuable work the Brotherhood can do was pointed out,—that is, pro-

viding means for deserving young men to enter the college. It was shown that \$50.00 would start a young man in the course, and three young men were provided for in the meeting, and smaller sums pledged to apply toward further work of the same kind.

Rev. I. W. Stuart, of Alpena, told of the good work the Brotherhood was doing in his church.

Rev. D. L. Holbrook, of Union City, gave an address, "The Young Men's Brotherhood in a Small Town." This address was ordered printed in the minutes of the Michigan Congregational Conference.

A vote of thanks was extended to the ladies of the Ludington church for serving, and to the men of the church for being donors of the banquet of the evening.

A vote of thanks was also given the choir of the church, Mrs. L. A. Grayson, Miss Catharine Burt, Mr. Henry T. Haskell, and Mr. Joseph Buck, and Mrs. Fannie Latimer, accompanist, for excellent music rendered during the evening.

Meeting adjourned.

L. P. HAIGHT, President.
J. L. GILLARD, Secretary.

CONSTITUTION OF MICHIGAN CONGREGATIONAL BROTHERHOOD.

ARTICLE I.—NAME.

Michigan Congregational Brotherhood.

ARTICLE II.—OBJECT.

The object of this brotherhood shall be to so relate, direct and inspire the men of the Congregational churches of the state, that they shall be better friends, disciples, citizens, churchmen and soldiers of Jesus Christ.

ARTICLE III.—MEMBERS.

SEC. 1. Any organization of men of whatever name connected with any Congregational church in Michigan shall be eligible to membership.

SEC. 2. Such organizations shall become active members of this Brotherhood upon application to the Secretary and payment of one dollar registration dues.

ARTICLE IV.--OFFICERS.

SEC. 1. The officers of this body shall be President, Vice-President, and Secretary-Treasurer.

SEC. 2. Duties. The duties of these officers shall be such as ordinarily appertain to their office.

SEC. 3. These officers with six others chosen therefor at the annual meeting of the Brotherhood shall constitute an Executive Committee in which the general direction of the Brotherhood shall be vested. This committee shall have power to fill any vacancies occurring in their number during the year.

SEC. 4. The officers shall be elected by ballot at the annual meeting of the Brotherhood and shall hold office for a term of one year, or until their successors shall be elected.

SEC. 5. At the first annual meeting of the Brotherhood, three members of the Executive Committee shall be chosen for two years and three for one year, after that three members shall be chosen annually for a term of two years.

SEC. 6. The officers shall organize themselves into the following or such other departments as they may deem wise.

- (1) Bible Study.
- (2) Evangelism.
- (3) Industrial Conditions.
- (4) Good Citizenship.
- (5) Boy's Work.
- (6) Missions.
- (7) Education.

ARTICLE V.—MEETING.

SEC. 1. An annual meeting shall be held at the time and place selected by the State Conference of Churches and the officers of the Brotherhood shall confer and co-operate with the Business Committee of the State Conference in arranging the Brotherhood program.

SEC. 2. Each enrolled organization shall be entitled to representation in the State Meeting by five voting delegates. Churches not having men's organizations and men's organizations not enrolled shall be entitled to non-voting representation on the same basis.

ARTICLE VI—MEMBERSHIP DUES.

Each Local Brotherhood is expected to make an annual contribution for the expenses of the State Brotherhood.

ARTICLE VII.—AMENDMENTS.

This Constitution may be amended by a two-thirds vote of any meeting. All proposed amendments must be submitted in writing to the President and Secretary of the Brotherhood not less than thirty days before the meeting.

A YOUNG MEN'S BROTHERHOOD IN A SMALL TOWN.

(Address by Rev. David L. Holbrook, of Union City,
at Ludington, June 10, 1910.)

These are the facts: Our work was begun independently of the Brotherhood movement, without any preconceived plan, save that of pushing the work of the church among the boys out beyond the field of the Sunday School and the Endeavor Society into the neighboring one of good citizenship. The pastor felt that such an enlargement of scope, though not directed to the ultimate ends for which we are striving, would at least widen the sphere of opportunity by bringing us into touch with some young men and their homes that would otherwise be entirely outside the sphere of our influence.

Accordingly a club was organized on the lyceum plan with the object stated "to cultivate good citizenship in its members." A series of topics on Noted Names in the History of Michigan was taken up week by week during the winter of 1907-8, and some special attention was paid to parliamentary law. Lessons were given in it, and parliamentary contests were held with different members in the chair. Athletics did not enter into our plan, but as the young man who assisted the pastor was proficient with Indian clubs, a class was formed and practice was had before or after the regular meeting. One evening a set of boxing gloves appeared on the scene. By making shift to keep the boxers on the oil cloth (our meetings were in the church parlors), or to get on to an old carpet in an adjoining room, we allowed this to be practiced in a limited way.

At the opening of the second season the president of the club one Saturday evening came to the pastor's study with the somewhat startling question whether he, the pastor, supposed that the church would allow us to take up the carpet and use the church parlor as a gynasium. Far from being horrified at the thought, the pastor had dreamed of such a thing but had never ventured to suggest it. Meanwhile, without knowing what was in the mind of his coadjutor, he had been preparing a sermon apropos of an impending local option campaign, in which he maintained that if we should close the saloons and bring the pool rooms within legal bounds, it would be necessary further, to provide some social arrangements in the general line of the Young Men's Christian Association work, in order to complete the job of looking after the interests of our boys and young men. The sermon was preached that next morning, but without mention of the specific plan which had in the meantime been suggested. What happened in the next few days almost took away our breath with the speed developed by our old conservative church. On Monday evening the officers of the church in a full meeting heartily endorsed the plan, at the prayer meeting the church with equal heartiness adopted it, on Friday the carpet came up, and on Saturday the boys were playing basket ball in the church parlor under a paid superintendent—all within a week after what my helper called his "crazy idea" had first been suggested. The small parlor was also put into commission as a reading room. It was distinctly understood that this was an experiment—a trial trip, as it were. During the winter months the boys trooped over from school every afternoon. They could not get into the church quick enough. Meanwhile the weekly literary meetings kept on as before with a series of topics on the Territorial Expansion of the United States, and the parliamentary contests and debates.

At the close of this season there was quite a bill of repairs, for the parlor is a plastered room and not designed for a lot of sturdy boys play-

ing basket ball. But the church willingly paid the freight, and then they astonished us further by deciding to build an addition to the church to provide quarters adapted to the growing work and needs of the club. This was done, and on the 21st of December the building was dedicated free from debt. The cost was about \$1,300. The building as it stands is 60x30 and contains a gymnasium 45x30, a reading room, a floor space over the reading room open as a gallery to the gymnasium, but utilized also as a cabinet shop, and a basement with furnace. The equipment is very simple, but we would rather not have complete apparatus at the outset, preferring to add new features from time to time and thus stimulate an increasing interest.

During the past two seasons the rooms have been open afternoons and evenings and they have been well patronized by the club members. From ten to thirty boys have been in attendance each time. On Saturday mornings the Boys' Club, a separate organization, has the right of way. There are about twenty-five of them under fifteen years of age. They have regular gymnastic drill and a literary meeting modelled on that of the young men. On certain designated afternoons the High School Athletic Association have had the rooms for the exclusive use of the girls' basket-ball team.

It had been a question whether, after more ample provision had been made for athletics, there would not be a falling off in the literary meetings. But such has not been the case. On the contrary the literary evening has witnessed the largest attendance. The line of topics during the last season has been on The History of Political Parties in the United States.

The present membership is about a hundred. Quite a number of these are already absent or even non-resident. A steady stream of young men is constantly going forth to the large cities. About fifty are in close active connection. Of these the larger part are high school boys. Next come the young men on the neighboring farms who have recently graduated. And lately the young business men of the village are beginning to take an active interest. It looks as if the older men were edging towards the Young Men's Club in a manner to render the organization of a Brotherhood for their special benefit unnecessary. It will thus be seen that our Brotherhood is not one of mature men into which boys may be admitted, but a club of young men into which older men may be admitted if they have enough youth and vitality left to care for the things that interest the boys. Nor, although our work is principally with boys, do we call it a Boys', but a Young Men's Club. We save the other name for those they call the kids. We old fellows like to be called boys, but the boys themselves, when they put on long pants, like to be considered men. The ball nine and the football team of the school are composed of men, if you please. Therefore, it is the Young Men's Club. It has a tail indeed as long as that of the comet, viz., "of the First Congregational Church of Union City, Michigan." But it is the nucleus that counts.

As to the religious work, meetings for men are held from time to time in the rooms of the club, but for the most part it is accounted as a field and a feeder of the Sunday school, the Christian Endeavor Society, and the church. We have flourishing Bible classes of boys and of men, stimulated by the Y. M. C., but not under its auspices. Three or four young men have come into the church out of the membership, but it is impossible to tell how much the club has had to do with the matter.

A word about the ritual is here in order. Although not stated in the constitution, it is implicit in the club's connection with the church that "the cultivation of good citizenship," to be complete, must issue in

Christian citizenship. Every business meeting of the club is therefore opened with a short service in which passages from the Proverbs, as being the book of the Bible especially designed for young men, are read, together with passages from the New Testament that point to Christ, and all join in the Lord's Prayer. In the ceremony for the reception of members, while all stand with hands clasped in the fraternal circle, a quotation from the Declaration of Independence is supplemented and carried to a higher plane by a reference to Paul's honor to the powers that be as having their authority from a divine source.

Although the organization has been in existence less than three years, and has had adequate accommodations only during the past season, certain beneficial results are already apparent:

1. There has been a very marked diminution in the attendance of boys at debasing resorts, including the street corners.

2. School teachers and others have remarked on the improvement in the general conduct of the boys.

3. Schoolmates remark the difference between the boys of the club and others in the preliminary business of class meetings.

4. An awakening spirit of public improvement has been helped by debates in the club on local matters, such as a river park and the question of a steel or a cement bridge to replace one swept away in a spring flood.

5. A very important result is that many in the community have gained a different and more favorable view of the church than the one they had before. They have come into touch with the church through their boys in a way that appeals to both their acceptance and their judgment.

It will naturally be asked, how the expense of such a work, involving the employment of a superintendent, is met in a town of only about fifteen hundred population and by one church in that town. Let me say that we do not attempt to run the institution in full force the year round. In this lies an important advantage of a church club in a small town over a Young Men's Christian Association. The latter, in order to operate on the same scale would need to employ a trained secretary. He would have to be paid a living salary, and that the year round. No man competent for the full charge of such a work could be secured on any other terms. But in the case of the church with the pastor back of the work, and himself backed by the officers of the church as advisers, a technically trained manager is unnecessary. During the dull season in a rural community a sufficiently competent Christian young man can be found who will be willing to put in his time afternoons and evenings for a very modest salary. During the warm months the boys are out in the open, and much of the time under the supervision, in their sports, of the school authorities. The expense for a superintendent to keep the rooms open every day and evening is therefore confined to the three or four cold months.

With this proviso, I may say that such a club develops enough extra financial strength and enough earning power of its own to easily take care of its running expenses. Aside from the cost of the building, our club has not been a financial burden to the church, and as the years go on it is likely to become a financial asset of considerable value.

As I said at the outset, we entered upon the work without any pre-conceived theories. We have been led, and we humbly believe that it is by the Spirit of God, to form an organization which is not the work of a Brotherhood, but which is a Brotherhood. And as such it is enrolled as Chapter 2 in the state organization. DAVID L. HOLBROOK,

June 10, 1910. Union City, Michigan.

MICHIGAN HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

Officers.

<i>President</i>	Rev. Benjamin H. Burtt, Ludington.
<i>Vice-President</i>	Mr. F. E. Bogart, Detroit.
<i>Secretary and Treasurer</i>	C. A. Gower, Lansing.

Articles of Association.

ARTICLE I.

The name assumed by this corporation, and by which it shall be known in law, is the Michigan Home Missionary Society.

ARTICLE II.

The object of this Society shall be to promote the organization of Congregational churches in Michigan, to aid churches in the support of their local ministry and work, to co-operate with the national Congregational Home Missionary Society in the cause of missions in other states and territories, and to diffuse Christian knowledge within this State by missionaries, publication and such other means, agencies and instrumentalities as may be necessary therefor.

ARTICLE III.

The annual meeting for the election of officers and the transaction of other business shall be held on the Thursday next after the third Tuesday of May in each year, at the hour of nine o'clock a. m., at the place where the annual meeting of the Michigan Congregational Conference shall be held. If any exigency arise which necessitates a change in the time of the annual meeting of the Michigan Congregational Conference the date of the annual meeting of this Society may, by vote of the officers, upon due notice, be changed to correspond with that of the annual meeting of the Michigan Congregational Conference.

ARTICLE IV.

The trustees of the Michigan Congregational Conference shall be *ex-officiis* the trustees of the said Society and shall have, in relation to the business, funds and all other interests of said Society the same powers, rights and duties, which are given them as trustees of the said Michigan Congregational Conference.

The annual meeting of the trustees shall be held at the time of, or immediately after the annual meeting of the Michigan Congregational Conference, and eleven members of the Board shall constitute a quorum. Said Board shall receive, hold, control, invest, reinvest and expend

all moneys or property given or bequeathed in trust or otherwise to the Michigan Home Missionary Society and shall apply the same or the proceeds thereof, to the work of said Society or to such branch thereof as may be designated in the will or bequest of the donors: *Provided*, however, that the Society may make such application through the agency of the Board of Trustees of the Michigan Congregational Conference and its agencies, if in their judgment it shall seem desirable so to do. Said Board of Trustees or the executive committee thereof may be made the agents of the Board of Trustees of the Michigan Home Missionary Society for the purpose of making such application, with such powers in relation thereto as may be granted by the Board of Trustees of said Society.

ARTICLE V.

The membership of this Society shall consist of the members of the Michigan Congregational Conference, and of life members, to be elected or appointed in such manner as this Society may hereafter provide, and also of nine delegates from the Women's Home Missionary Union, to be elected annually by that body.

ARTICLE VI.

Twenty-five members of the Society present at any meeting legally assembled shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of all business.

ARTICLE VII.

Said corporation may hold real and personal property not to exceed in value the sum of five hundred thousand dollars, to be devoted exclusively to the prosecution in the State of Michigan of Christian work, as indicated in Article II of the constitution, by missionaries, publications and such other means, agencies, and instrumentalities as may be necessary therefor.

Said Michigan Home Missionary Society shall have power to receive and execute trusts for the general purposes of the said Society, and may receive, hold, invest, reinvest and expend all money and other property given or bequeathed in trust or otherwise to the said Michigan Home Missionary Society, and shall execute said trusts for the general purposes of the said corporation within the meaning of the acts under which the same is incorporated in accordance with the terms and conditions of said trusts.

ARTICLE VIII.

The term of existence of this corporation is fixed at thirty years from the date hereof.

Done at Olivet, Michigan, June 13, 1895.

Amended at Lansing, Michigan May 21, 1908.

Constitution and By-Laws.

ARTICLE I.

The name of this organization shall be the Michigan Home Missionary Society.

ARTICLE II.

The object of this Society shall be to promote the organization of Congregational churches in Michigan, to aid churches in the support of their local ministry and work, and to co-operate with all the benevolent organizations of the church and especially with the Michigan Congregational Conference in the cause of missions in other states and territories.

ARTICLE III.

The membership of this society shall consist of the members of the Michigan Congregational Conference and of life members, and also nine delegates from the Women's Home Missionary Union, to be elected annually by that body.

Any member of any Congregational Church in this state may become a life member of this Society upon the payment to the Society in his behalf of the sum of thirty dollars, and an election to such membership by a majority vote of the members present and voting at any meeting of this Society; it being provided that in connection with the gifts of churches, life membership is to be conferred only upon such persons as have been elected to this honor by the contributing churches; such election to be properly certified to the treasurer of this Society.

Any member of any Congregational Church in this State shall be eligible to election to any office in this Society.

ARTICLE IV.

The officers of this Society shall be a President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer. They shall be elected by ballot at the annual meeting of the Society and shall hold their offices for one year and until their successors shall be elected and qualified.

Said officers shall furnish the Board of Trustees with any information required by them on all matters relating to their respective departments, and shall perform all other duties usually pertaining to these offices.

ARTICLE V.

The annual meeting of this Society shall be held on the Thursday next after the third Tuesday of May in each year, at the place where the annual meeting of the Michigan Congregational Conference shall be held.

Special meetings may be called whenever, in the unanimous opinion of the President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer, the interests of the Society so demand.

ARTICLE VI.

Twenty-five members of the Society, present at any meeting legally assembled, shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

ARTICLE VII.

The trustees of the Michigan Congregational Conference shall be *ex-officio* the trustees of this Society. Their powers and duties shall be the same with reference to this Society, the conduct of its affairs and the administration of its property and interests as defined for the trustees of the said Congregational Conference in the constitution and by-laws thereof.

ARTICLE VIII.

The Society may, from time to time, adopt such rules as may be necessary for the dispatch of business.

ARTICLE IX.

The constitution and by-laws may be changed or amended at any regular meeting of the Society by a two-thirds vote of the members present, provided the intended change or amendment shall have been proposed in substance at the previous meeting.

BY-LAWS.

The fiscal year of this Society shall close at the same time as the fiscal year of the Michigan Congregational Conference.

SIXTEENTH ANNUAL MEETING.

The Michigan Home Missionary Society convened in its sixteenth annual session, in the First Congregational Church, Ludington, June 10, 1910, with the President of the Society, Rev. Benj. H. Burtt, in the chair.

It was voted that the Scribes of the Michigan Congregational Conference, Rev. W. C. Allen and Rev. Fred Roys Bush, act as scribes for the meeting.

Motion made and carried that we adopt the proposed Amendment to Article IV of the Constitution as recorded on page 84 of the 1909 minutes, which was to amend the first two sentences to read, "The officers of this Society shall be a President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer. They shall be elected by ballot at the annual meeting of the Society, and shall hold their offices for one year and until their successors shall be elected and qualified."

Moved and carried that the Nominating Committee of the Conference nominate the officers of the Home Missionary Society. The Nominating Committee recommended as officers for the ensuing year as follows:

Rev. Benj. H. Burtt, President.

Mr. F. E. Bogart, Vice-President.

Mr. C. A. Gower, Secretary and Treasurer.

The Scribe was instructed to cast the ballot of the Society for the officers nominated and they were declared elected.

The following resolution was adopted:

Be it Resolved, That the Board of Trustees of the Michigan Congregational Conference and its Executive Committee are hereby appointed the agents of this Board for the purpose of applying the funds of this Board to the purposes designated by the donors thereof, or to such other work of the Society as, in their judgment and discretion, may be best for the interests of such work.

The meeting was adjourned.

REV. W. C. ALLEN, Scribe.

REV. FRED ROYS BUSH, Assistant Scribe.

MICHIGAN HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

Treasurer's Report.

REV. B. H. BURTT, President Michigan Home Missionary Society,
Dear Sir:—I hereby submit my report for the fiscal year ending March 31,
1910. Very respectfully,

C. A. GOWER,
Treasurer.

Lansing, Mich., April 30, 1910.

C. A. GOWER, Treasurer,
In account with Michigan Home Missionary Society:

To balance on hand April 26, 1909:			
Mrs. L. A. H. Childs Fund (par value of securities).....	\$1,500.00		
Nashville Church Property Fund (par value of securities)	1,500.00	\$3,000.00	
To receipts from interest on securities.....	187.50		
" " New Work Fund.....	410.00		
" " W. H. M. U.	4,020.38	4,617.88	
		\$7,617.88	
By transfer to Home Miss. Dept. Mich. Cong. Conf.....	\$4,617.88		
Balance on hand Mrs. L. A. H. Childs Fund.....	1,500.00		
" " Nashville Church Property.....	1,500.00	7,617.88	

The Nashville Church Property Fund was constituted by the Trustees of the Michigan Home Missionary Society under the terms of contract (in our possession in duplicate) with the trustees of the Nashville Congregational Church upon the dissolution of that organization making the trustees of the Home Missionary Society custodians in trust for a term of fifteen years with the proviso that should a Congregational Church be organized in Nashville within that time, the money should revert to the newly organized church and that at the expiration of the fifteen years the money should be the property of the Michigan Home Missionary Society. During the fifteen years the proceeds to be used in the interest of Home Missions. This fund is invested in Flint (Mich.) Gas Co. Bonds Nos. 83, 113, 119, \$500 each, due November 1, 1924, interest 5 per cent., payable May 1 and November 1.

The Mrs. L. A. H. Childs Fund was constituted by the trustees of the Michigan Home Missionary Society from the bequest of Mrs. L. A. H. Childs, of Whittaker, Michigan. While the use of this fund is not restricted, it was the desire of the donor and has been the purpose of the trustees to treat this as a permanent fund, the proceeds of which should be used for Home Missions. This fund has been invested in LaPorte (Ind.) Gas Co. Bonds, Nos. 72, 81, 82, \$500 each. Due April 1, 1925, interest 5 per cent, due April 1 and October 1.

I hereby certify that I have examined the books and vouchers of C. A. Gower, treasurer of the Michigan Home Missionary Society, and find them correct. I also find that the securities above referred to are in the possession of the treasurer and are in safe keeping, deposited in a safety deposit box of the Lansing State Savings Bank.

Lansing, Mich., May 26, 1910.

FRANK B. MCKIBBIN,
Auditor

THE LOCAL ASSOCIATIONS.

Cheboygan.

ORGANIZED, Feb. 13, 1878.

REGISTRAR, Rev. H. A. Putnam, Charlevoix.

MEETINGS—Second Wednesday of May and first Wednesday of November.

Churches.

Alba	Cheboygan	Hetherton	Mancelona
Atlanta	Eastport	Ironhton	Mio
Bellaire	Echo	Johannesburg	Rondo
Big Rock	Ellsworth	Kalkaska	Vanderbilt
Central Lake	Excelsior	Lewiston	Wolverine
Charlevoix	Gaylord		

Ministers.

William Childs	John L. Donovan	John Lambrecht
Franklin M. Chapin	James F. Fryer	Holden A. Putnam
G. Henry Cole	Joseph Glasson	Ulysses G. Rich
Ephraim M. Corey	L. A. Kirkland	Clement Upham

Standing Committees.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE—Rev. H. A. Putnam, Rev. J. F. Fryer, Rev. L. A. Kirkland.

FOREIGN MISSIONARY—Mrs. A. E. Burnett, Charlevoix.

SUNDAY SCHOOL—W. R. Palmer, Mancelona, Rev. U. G. Rich, Mr. J. E. Wiggan, Wolverine.

CHURCH BUILDING SOCIETY CORRESPONDENT—Rev. H. A. Putnam.

Detroit.

ORGANIZED, May 4, 1887.

REGISTRAR, Rev. Mac H. Wallace, Detroit.

MEETINGS—Fourth Monday of April and October.

Churches.

Detroit, First	Flat Rock	Rochester
Detroit, North Woodward Ave.	Maybee	Rockwood
Detroit, Fort St.	Metamora	Royal Oak
Detroit, Mt. Hope	Newport	Utica
Detroit, Brewster	Oakwood	Warren
Detroit, Boulevard	Orion	Wayne
Detroit, Highland Park	Oxford	Wyandotte
Dundee	Pontiac	

Ministers.

Gaius Glenn Atkins	Wm. J. Jacobs	F. C. Pillsbury
Luther E. Brown	Thomas Kent	James M. Robinson
A. Harlan Currie	Wm. Roscoe Kedzie	John W. Sutherland
Josiah P. Dickerman	Paul Kozielek	Albert T. Swing
Wm. Byron Forbush	David C. McNair	J. C. Townsend
James C. Hageman	Wm. Mitchell	Morris B. Townsend
George Hill	Gainer P. Moore	Mac H. Wallace
John F. Hutchinson		Wm. H. Warren

LICENTIATES—Archie McCallum, Roy K. Nevins, W. I. St. John

Standing Committees.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE—Mr. H. H. Burr, Rev. Wm. J. Jacobs, Rev. John F. Hutchinson, Rev. Wm. H. Warren, Rev. Mac H. Wallace.

FOREIGN MISSIONARY—Frank D. Taylor, Detroit, Hiram A. Bacon, Pontiac.

SUNDAY SCHOOL—Fred W. Schmidt, Rochester, M. C. Stowell, Detroit, Frank Peters, Flat Rock.

ON LICENSURE AND COURSE OF STUDY—Rev. Wm. J. Jacobs, Rev. Wm. Byron Forbush, Rev. Wm. Roscoe Kedzie.

Eastern.

ORGANIZED, March 12, 1840. **REGISTRAR**, Rev. Theodore C. Williams, Imlay City.
MEETINGS—First Tuesday of May and Third Tuesday of October.

Churches

Almont	Helena	Port Huron, First	Richmond
Armada	Imlay City	Port Huron, Twenty-Fourth St.	Romeo
Carsonville	Memphis	Port Huron, Ross Memorial	St. Clair
Chesterfield	New Baltimore	Port Huron, Sturgis Memorial	White Rock
Columbus	New Haven	Port Sanilac	

Ministers.

Wm. J. Campbell	Wm. W. Gadd	Wm. H. Sargent
J. G. Clutterbuck	Wm. R. Gillett	Gordon C. Speer
Rolph J. Duff	Franklin L. Graff	Edward P. Stone
Edward H. Eppens	Henry W. Hunt	
LICENTIATES —J. M. Turner, J. M. McLeod, J. M. Betts, E. Humphrey, Thomas Cooke.		

Standing Committees.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE—Rev. H. W. Hunt, Rev. E. H. Eppens, Deacon Thomas Cooke, Rev. T. C. Williams, Rev. Wm. J. Campbell.

FOREIGN MISSIONARY—Rev. E. H. Eppens.

SUNDAY SCHOOL—Mrs. C. M. Partch, Armada, 1912, Rev. H. W. Hunt, 1911.

ON LICENSURE AND COURSE OF STUDY—Rev. Wm. J. Campbell.

“THE AMERICAN MISSIONARY”—Rev. T. C. Williams.

Genesee.

ORGANIZED, October 14, 1845. **REGISTRAR**, Rev. G. W. Mylne, Laingsburg.
MEETINGS—Fourth Tuesday of April and September.

Churches.

Bancroft	Grand Blanc	Ovid	Shaftsburg
Belford	Hartland	Owosso	Tyrone
Deerfield	Highland	Perry	Vernon
Durand	Laingsburg	St. Johns	Victor
Flint	Linden		

Ministers.

George Benford	James Hyslop	Lincoln Ostrander
Ernest Evans	Trevor C. Jones	Nathan W. Pierce
John C. Gibson	Lucius O. Lee	M. G. Powley
Carlos H. Hanks	George W. Mylne	Charles I. Taylor
Hiram L. Hoyt		

Standing Committees.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE—Rev. C. H. Hanks, W. R. Shaw, Rev. Ernest Evans, Rev. Malcomb G. Powley, Rev. G. W. Mylne.

FOREIGN MISSIONARY—W. R. Shaw, Ovid.

SUNDAY SCHOOL—Alonzo Orane, Owosso, Rev. G. W. Mylne, Rev. Ernest Evans.

ON LICENSURE AND COURSE OF STUDY—Rev. C. H. Hanks, Rev. James Hyslop.

AMERICAN MISSIONARY ASSOCIATION—Rev. John A. Ashby.

CHURCH BUILDING SOCIETY CORRESPONDENT—Rev. L. Ostrander.

Gladstone.

ORGANIZED, August 29, 1888. **REGISTRAR**, Rev. George C. Empson, Gladstone. **MEETINGS**—The last Wednesday in June.

Churches.

Cooks	Gladstone	Rapid River
Fayette	Isabella	Wells
Garden	Nahma	

Ministers.

George C. Empson	Calvin F. Hawley	Robert Houston
LICENTIATES—William C. Bowins, Duncan McKenzie		

Standing Committees.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE—Mr. C. H. Scott, C. M. Woolpert, W. C. Bowins.

SUNDAY SCHOOL—W. C. Bowins.

CHURCH BUILDING SOCIETY CORRESPONDENT—Rev. George C. Empson.

Grand Rapids.

ORGANIZED, January 8, 1846. **REGISTRAR**, Rev. M. O. Bullock, Grandville. **MEETINGS**—Second Monday of April and October.

Churches.

Ada, First	Clarksville	Grand Rapids, South	Jenison
Ada, Second	Conklin	" Smith Mem'l	Lamont
Allendale	Corinth	" Plymouth	Lowell
Alpine Trinity	Douglas	" East	Middleville
Bass River	Eastmanville	" Wallin Mem'l	Moline
Bradley	East Nelson	Grandville	Rockford
Cannon	East Paris	Greenville	Saugatuck
Cannonsburg	Freeport	Howard City	South Boston
Cedar Springs	Grand Rapids, 1st	Hudsonville	Wayland
	Grand Rapids, 2nd		

Ministers.

Alexander L. Allison	Clarence Finster	Samuel T. Morris
Edwin W. Bishop	L. E. Hague	Wm. D. Ogg
George W. Brownback	James F. Halliday	Thomas Parker
Motier O. Bullock	George H. Hancock	George A. Pollard
Frederick W. Bush	David A. Holman	Levi P. Rowland
Fred Roys Bush	John T. Husted	Charles H. Seaver
Charles W. Carrick	Ira B. Jones	John W. Sherwood
Phillip M. Cripps	Walter D. King	Robert S. Stapleton
C. B. Fellows	Isaac B. Lillie	Karl O. Thompson
	Herbert McConnell	

LICENTIATES—Dudley J. Miller, R. L. Wintz.

Standing Committees.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE—Silas M. Wright, L. Z. Caukin, Rev. H. McOonnell, Rev. Fred R. Bush, Rev. M. C. Bullock.
FOREIGN MISSIONARY—Rev. Wm. D. Ogg.
AMERICAN MISSIONARY ASSOCIATION—Mrs. Lulu Savidge.
MINISTERIAL AID—Rev. L. E. Hague.
SUNDAY SCHOOL—Rev. S. T. Morris.
EDUCATION SOCIETY—Rev. C. O. Grieshaber.
CHURCH BUILDING SOCIETY CORRESPONDENT—S. M. Wright.

Grand Traverse Association.

ORGANIZED, January 1, 1863. **REGISTRAR**, Rev. A. A. Allington, Traverse City.
MEETINGS—First Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of October.

Churches.

Benzonia	Filer City	Maple City	Suttons Bay
Buckley	Frankfort	Northport	Thompsonville
Cedar	Gilmore	Old Mission	Traverse City, First
Cedar-Run	Homestead	Omena	" " " Oak P'k
Oleon and Marilla	Honor	Onekema	
Copemish	Lake Ann	Pleasanton	
East Lake	Manistee	Sherman	

Ministers.

Robert Adams	Demas Cochlin	Elihu Linkletter
A. A. Allington	Cyrenius N. Coulter	Harlow S. Mills
Edwin I. Ayer	Frank Fulkerson	Benson C. Robbins
Thomas E. Bennett	Charles H. Harger	John J. Staley
Alfred Bentall	John H. Hull	Leroy Warren

LICENTIATES—C. A. Parmiter, Prof. G. R. Catton, G. D. Lyford, C. W. Clemo.

Standing Committees.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE—Rev. H. S. Mills, Rev. J. J. Staley, Rev. Frank Fulker-
son, Rev. Leroy Warren, Rev. A. A. Allington.
FOREIGN MISSIONARY—Mrs. W. J. Petitt, Mrs. Wm. Love, Mrs. Leroy Warren.
SUNDAY SCHOOL—Charles Parmiter, George Hoyt, C. W. Clemo.
LICENSURE AND COURSE OF STUDY AND CREDENTIALS—Rev. H. S. Mills, Rev. D.
Cochlin, Rev. A. Bentall.
CHURCH BUILDING SOCIETY CORRESPONDENT—Rev. D. Cochlin.
A. M. A. CORRESPONDENT—Rev. Frank Fulkerson.

Jackson.

ORGANIZED, May 1, 1866. **REGISTRAR**, Rev. W. C. Allen, Leslie.
MEETINGS—Third Tuesday in April and October.

Churches.

Ann Arbor	Jackson, First	Pinckney	Union City
Chelsea	Jackson, Plymouth	Salem, First	Webster
Dexter	Leslie, First	Salem, Second	Ypsilanti
Grass Lake	Michigan Center	Sandstone	
Hamburg			

Ministers.

Wm. C. Allen	Martin L. D'Ooge	Thomas Holmes
Arthur G. Beach	Arthur Fairbanks	Matthew Knowles
Allen J. Blair	A. C. Gates	Carl S. Patton
Frederick H. Bodman	Martin Lee Grant	Bastian Smits
Wm. E. Cadwell	David L. Holbrook	Arthur A. Wall
Charles S. Calhoun		Samuel D. Wellwood

Standing Committees.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE—Rev. Bastian Smits, Prof. E. C. Goddard, Ann Arbor, Rev. A. G. Beach, Rev. M. Lee Grant, Rev. W. C. Allen.

LICENSURE AND COURSE OF STUDY—Rev. C. S. Patton, Rev. D. L. Holbrook, Rev. A. J. Blair.

Kalamazoo.

ORGANIZED, June 1, 1849.

REGISTRAR, Rev. John T. Walker Dowagiac.

MEETINGS—Second Tuesday of April and third Tuesday of October.

Churches.

Alamo	Coloma	Hilliards	Otsego
Allegan	Constantine	Hopkins, First	St. Joseph
Augusta	Cooper	Hopkins, Second	South Haven
Bangor	Covert	Kalamazoo	Texas
Bangor, West	Dowagiac	Kendall	Three Oaks
Baroda	Galesburg	Lawrence	Vicksburg
Benton Harbor	Grand Junction	Mattawan	Watervliet
Bridgeman	Hartford		

Ministers.

George W. Davis	William Miller	Wilmot E. Stevens
W. B. Dickinson	Ezra S. Morehouse	Wm. D. J. Stevenson
A. C. Diefenbach	Milton J. Norton	Albert H. Stoneman
Charles Elliot	James A. Otis	Isaac Terborgh
Parvin M. France	Jonathan T. Otis	Stephen Vaughan
George S. Gilmour	Galen W. Seiler	John T. Walker
Edward H. Harvey	Herbert A. Simpson	Wm. H. Walker
C. W. Long	Wm. H. Skentelbury	Theodore C. Williams
H. M. Lyman	Henry C. Snyder	Henry Wilson

LICENTIATES—Alfred G. Walton, Carl M. Otis.

Standing Committees.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE—Revs. M. J. Norton, J. T. Walker, A. C. Diefenbach, W. E. Stevens, Mr. F. G. Dewey.

LICENSURE AND COURSE OF STUDY—Revs. W. H. Walker, M. J. Norton, S. Vaughan.

FOREIGN MISSIONS—Rev. Chas. Elliot.

CHURCH BUILDING SOCIETY—Rev. W. E. Stevens.

SUNDAY SCHOOL—A. R. Arford, D. B. Allen, Rev. W. B. Dickinson.

Lake Superior.

ORGANIZED, August 12, 1879. REGISTRAR, Prof. James Fisher, Jr., Houghton.
MEETINGS—April and October.

Churches.

Beacon Hill	Hancock	Lake Linden	Redridge
Calumet	Hubbell	Red Jacket	Trout Creek
Chassell	Kenton		

Ministers.

Doane R. Atkins	J. Sidney Gould	Jesse Povey
Mandus Barrett	Luther K. Long	Wm. S. Steensma
Fred Deighton		
* LICENTIATE—E. O. Colbeck.		
ADVISORY COMMITTEE—Rev. L. K. Long, Rev. Wm. S. Steensma, Prof. James Fisher, Jr., Rev. Jesse Povey, Rev. Mandus Barrett.		

Lansing.

ORGANIZED, March 30, 1880. REGISTRAR, Rev. Wm. Wiedenhoeft, Stanton.
MEETINGS—Third Monday of March and fourth Monday of September.

Churches.

Belding	Fenwick	Lansing, Mayflower	Shiloh
Butternut	Grand Ledge	Muliken	Sidney
Carson City	Hubbardston	Nevin's Lake	Six Lakes
Chippewa Lake	Lake Odessa	Portland	Stanton
Corel	Lekeview	Rodney	Wacousta
Crystal	Lansing, Plymouth	Saranac	Westville
Edmore	Lansing, Pilgrim	Sheridan	Williamston
East Lansing			

Ministers.

John Bliss	William J. Massey	Albert Secord
George E. Brown	William A. Minty	A. F. Soule
Edrie Collins	Norman L. Otis	Wayne L. Waters
F. W. Corbett	Clarence E. Robinson	Frank G. Ward
George W. Dell	John P. Sanderson	Wm. Wiedenhoeft
Wellington DePuy		
Eugene I. Grinnell		
* LICENTIATES—John Duncan, C. C. Lowther, W. E. Lyon, Wm. Mitchell.		

Standing Committees.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE—Revs. Wm. Wiedenhoeft, C. I. Taylor, A. Secord, Mr. John W. S. Pierson, Rev. Wm. A. Minty.
FOREIGN MISSIONARY—Rev. F. G. Ward.
SUNDAY SCHOOL—Lorenzo Webber, Portland, John Duncan.
ON LICENSURE AND COURSE OF STUDY—Revs. Wm. Wiedenhoeft, Robert Goldsmith.
CHURCH BUILDING SOCIETY CORRESPONDENT—Rev. George E. Brown.
AMERICAN MISSIONARY ASSOCIATION—Rev. Edrie Collins.

Muskegon.

ORGANIZED, January 30, 1884.

REGISTRAR, Rev. F. Blomfield, Muskegon.

MEETINGS—Last Monday of March and third Monday of September.

Churches.

Big Prairie	Hart	Nunica
Fremont	Muskegon, First	Shelby
Fruitport	Muskegon, Highland Park	White Cloud
Grand Haven	Muskegon, Jackson St.	Whitehall
	Newaygo	

Ministers.

Frederick Bagnall	David H. Richie	M. F. Scouten
Frank Blomfield	A. B. Imrie	F. P. Sprague
Samuel Carson	J. A. Russnell	Daniel Truman
Archibald Hadden	F. W. Sass	I. Wisse
C. L. Omans		

Standing Committees.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE—Revs. Archibald Hadden, Frederick Bagnall, Frank Blomfield, Samuel Carson, Daniel Truman.

SUNDAY SCHOOL—Rev. F. W. Sass.

FOREIGN MISSIONS—Rev. Archibald Hadden.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIETY—Rev. A. B. Imrie.

North Central.

ORGANIZED, March, 11, 1873.

REGISTRAR, Rev. B. H. Burtt, Ludington.

MEETINGS—Tuesday after the third Monday in September.

Churches.

Baldwin	Chase	Farwell	Hersey
Big Rapids	Clare	Fern	Ludington
Big Rapids Twp.	Custer	Harrison	Reed City
Cadillac	Dover		

Ministers.

David G. Blair	George W. Heater	E. J. Millington
Benjamin H. Burtt	Samuel E. Kelly	Noah J. Myers
Otis D. Crawford	George W. Kinney	F. M. Woodmansee
William A. Colledge	Henry C. McComas	

Standing Committees.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE—Rev. B. H. Burtt, Rev. D. G. Blair, Rev. S. E. Kelly, Rev. E. J. Millington, V. H. Hanchett.

Olivet.

ORGANIZED, January 14, 1841.

REGISTRAR, Prof. H. A. Miller, Olivet.

MEETINGS—Last Wednesday of April and October.

Churches.

Athens	Chester Station	Johnstown & Barry	Olivet
Bedford	East Newton	Leonidas	Onondaga
Carmel	Eaton Rapids	Leroy	Potterville
Ceresco	Fredonia	Milletts	Vermontville
Charlotte			

Ministers.

Arie Binkhorst	Clara L. Harbridge	Wm. J. Prestidge
Fred R. Bunker	Edward H. Harbridge	Wm. F. Preston
Anson B. Curtis	Ellsworth G. Lancaster	Peter Schermerhorn
Joseph L. Daniels	Nathaniel D. Lanphear	A. F. Skeele
Frederick A. Dean	Thomas R. McRoberts	Andrew H. Snelgrove
Franklin J. Feather	C. Perry Miller	Joy M. Warren
Frank H. Foster	St. Clare Parsons	Wolcott B. Williams
Darius N. Goodrich		

Standing Committees.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE—Rev. T. R. McRoberts, Rev. F. H. Foster, Prof. H. A. Miller.

FOREIGN MISSIONARY—Rev. D. N. Goodrich, Rev. W. J. Prestidge.

SUNDAY SCHOOL—Rev. N. D. Lanphear, Miss J. B. Stimpson, Athens.

CREDENTIALS AND LICENSURE AND COURSE OF STUDY—Rev. T. R. McRoberts, Rev. W. B. Williams.

Y. P. S. C. E.—C. W. Morrell, Charlotte.

Saginaw.

ORGANIZED, May 12, 1886.

REGISTRAR, Rev. Robert Stapleton, Saginaw.

MEETINGS—First Wednesday of May and the Wednesday next after the second Monday of October.

Churches.

Alpena	Bridgeport	Merrill	Saginaw, Genesee St.
Bay City	Essexville	Roscommon	Standish
Breckenridge	Freeland	Saginaw, First	Tawas City

Ministers.

Charles D. Banister	Jacob H. Lewis	F. A. Smith
N. S. Bradley	Charles T. Patchell	Irving W. Stuart
John W. Erskine	Albert E. Pomeroy	Robert Stapleton
Lewis C. Frost		

LICENTIATES—George H. Coman, Fred C. Smith, Fred Errington, Burton D. Snook.

Standing Committees.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE—Irving W. Stuart, Mrs. A. Brown of Saginaw, Rev. N. S. Bradley, Saginaw, Rev. R. Stapleton, Frank Klenfeld, Saginaw.

FOREIGN MISSIONARY—Rev. N. S. Bradley, I. F. Wyman, Mrs. Gertrude Ellis, Bridgeport.

SUNDAY SCHOOL—Rev. C. D. Banister, Rev. I. W. Stuart, Rev. C. T. Patchell, Miss Florence Cooper, Bay City.

LICENSURE AND COURSE OF STUDY—Rev. C. T. Patchell, Rev. N. S. Bradley, M. M. Andrews.

CHURCH BUILDING SOCIETY—Rev. R. Stapleton.

Sault Ste. Marie.

ORGANIZED, March 17, 1880.

REGISTRAR, Mrs. Ella Soden, S. S. Marie.

MEETINGS—Second Tuesday and Wednesday of June.

Churches.

Allenville	Iroquois	Rosedale
Brimley	Mackinac Island	Sugar Island
Drummond	Pine Grove	

Ministers.

Wm. Etheridge	Rev. G. D. Strickland	Harry Appleton
LICENTIATE—Frank K. McCorkle.		
ADVISORY COMMITTEE—Mrs. E. Soden, Mrs. Scribner, Mr. D. Brown.		

Southern.

ORGANIZED, June 27, 1848.

REGISTRAR, Rev. Milo J. Sweet, Hudson.

MEETINGS—Third Monday in April and October.

Churches.

Addison	Clinton	Mattison	Ransom
Algansee	East Gilead	Morenci	Somerset
Batavia	Hudson	North Adams	Tipton
Bethel	Jerome	Pittsford	West Adrian
Bronson	Jefferson	Prattville	Wheatland
Canandaigua	Litchfield		

Ministers.

John H. Ashby	John S. Gillespie	Wm. H. Shannon
Thomas G. Baxter	Robert Gordon	Milo J. Sweet
Ira W. Bell	A. Joseph Kempton	Chas. E. Taggart
Henry Choate	Herbert A. Kern	Ira J. Tripp
Henry P. Collin	A. H. Lash	C. S. Tubbs
John E. Courter	Fred Pinch	George O. Whitecomb
George P. Endy	Jared R. Preston	

Standing Committees.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE—Rev. John E. Courter, Rev. C. E. Taggart, Rev. M. J. Sweet, H. N. Turrell, of Litchfield, Rev. H. P. Collin.

FOREIGN MISSIONARY—Rev. J. E. Courter.

SUNDAY SCHOOL—Rev. H. P. Collin.

ON LICENSURE AND COURSE OF STUDY—Rev. C. E. Taggart.

CHURCH BUILDING SOCIETY CORRESPONDENT—Rev. C. S. Tubbs.

AMERICAN MISSIONARY ASSOCIATION—Rev. Robert Gordon.

MINUTES OF THE TWENTY-NINTH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY UNION.

The 29th annual meeting of the Woman's Home Missionary Union was declared in session by the president, Mrs. C. R. Wilson, on Wednesday, March 30th, at 9 o'clock, in the Congregational Church of Benton Harbor.

The meeting opened by singing "America" and the printed program was formally adopted for the day.

The devotional service was conducted by Mrs. L. P. Rowland, of Grand Rapids, who took for her theme "The Cross of Christ, Our Hope and Strength." After singing the hymn "The Wonderful Cross," Mrs. Rowland read some selections from "His Life" and brought out some beautiful and helpful thoughts on the strength and joy of the Spirit, then followed prayer and the hymn, "In the Cross of Christ I Glory."

Very cordial greetings were given by Mrs. C. A. Diefenbach, of Benton Harbor, and a gracious response was given by Mrs. W. A. Mowrer, of Jackson.

The report of the corresponding secretary was given, in her absence, by Miss Harriet Potter, of Detroit. She reported some new auxiliaries and some, of years standing, have ceased to exist, so the total number remains about the same. Miss Finger has been an inspiration. A strong plea was made for a more prompt and careful response to the report-blank sent out. The recording secretary reported two meetings of the Executive Board during the past year. The report of Young People's Work was given by Miss Kirtland, of Jackson. She reported the amount raised as \$244.35, an increase over previous years. A plea was made for the Schauffler School. Brief reports were given from Ann Arbor, Detroit, Muskegon and Pontiac on various kinds of Young People's Work.

Mrs. Hammond, of Muskegon, reported on Juvenile Work. She likened the work to the Lord's garden, "The ground is ready, waiting for the seed."

In Mrs. Edward's absence, the report on Literature was given by Mrs. Copeland, of Traverse City. She spoke of good literature, sod-house, mite boxes and also of the program for the Federation of Unions and the "American Missionary."

The president spoke of Mrs. Rowland's faithful and efficient work on National programs.

All these reports were accepted and ordered placed on file.

After listening to a solo by Master David Morgan, of Benton Harbor, Miss Finger, of Chicago, was introduced. The subject of her address was "The Unfinished Task." She spoke of the work begun by our forefathers, carried on all these years and still unfinished; the great need of the Southland, Oklahoma and Texas. Much has been accomplished and much remains to be done. She likened the Church of Jesus Christ to a star that will not go down.

The treasurer's report was given by Mrs. Stoneman, of St. Joseph, showing an increase of about \$400.00 over the previous year.

Upon motion the report, with the appended Auditor's report, was accepted.

Mrs. Patton, of Ann Arbor, gave a paper on "Giving." This was full of helpful thoughts and suggestions. "Our women must be educated in the facts of missionary work, and their knowledge will fill them with a desire to have a part in it." "How can we show our love for our country better than by helping to make it purer and more Christlike?" Whether we be rich or poor, we owe part of it to God and our Country. "We should not give once, but continually, proportionately, as we have been prospered. Let it be our prayer that all that is highest and best may be placed before the youth of our land, and that we may be one people, one nation, serving God."

In response to "Roll Call of Auxiliaries" two questions were answered by the delegates. 1st. What is the best thing your society has done this year? 2nd. How much will you aim for,

as your apportionment for 1910 and 1911? These responses were helpful and full of suggestions, and the amount pledged was in most cases, as much or more than in the previous year.

At 1:30 the meeting was called to order for the afternoon session. The devotional service was conducted by Mrs. George E. Thompson, of Owosso. She spoke very beautifully on the theme, "The Unlighted Luster." This was followed by prayer and song. Miss Anna Larned, of Grand View, Tenn., represented the A. M. A. She told in a most interesting way of her ten years of work among the Highlanders of the Cumberland Mountains. She also spoke of the 5,000 children who have no school advantages, and the great need of educated ministers. A solo by Mrs. Charles Stone was much enjoyed. Then followed an instructive "Demonstration Lesson in Home Mission Text Book" by Miss Finger. Among other things she urged attendance at the conference at Lake Wenona, June 23-30. She also spoke of the Negro question, the color only on the surface, their hearts are like ours and they are naturally religious and practical. The little churches of the Southland need help and a concerted effort must be made to make this people worthy of citizenship.

The report of the Trustees was given by Mrs. Powell. On motion this was accepted and ordered placed on file.

Mrs. Powell then presented the proposed changes in the Constitution which were adopted.

An invitation to hold the next meeting in Lansing was accepted.

The Executive Board recommended that the percentage plan be re-adopted for the coming year. On motion this was carried. Mrs. Firman, President of National Association, sent greetings.

The minutes of the meeting were read, and the secretary was authorized to complete the same for publication.

Mrs. Wilson closed the meeting with some beautiful thoughts on the theme, "What is really worth while."

The evening session was opened by Rev. A. H. Stoneman, of St. Joseph, who had charge of the devotional service. Two very striking and forceful addresses were given on "The Church Militant." The first, by the Rev. J. W. Sutherland,

of Lansing, on the Country Church. "In order," he said, "to obtain the best results in the country, it is imperative that the ministers be trained especially for country work." "There must be unity of the Christian forces if we hope to make an impression on the people outside the church."

Rev. W. A. Bartlett, of Chicago, described the condition of the city church. From his experience in the city he has drawn the belief that the church should be everything to the community, the radiating center of all lines of human interest and human endeavor. In closing he said "The Gospel of Jesus Christ and Him crucified, is what we must preach."

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. C. W. WAGNER,
Recording Secretary.

AMOUNTS CONTRIBUTED IN 1909 TO OUR VARIOUS PLEDGED OBJECTS.

Received from State Work	\$5,287 88
(This includes Trustees' Interest on all House and Kelsey Legacies.)	
Received for A. M. A	700 99
S. S. P. S.....	91 38
C. E. S.....	80 78
C. C. B. S.....	77 32
Benzonia.....	15 00
Olivet	25 60
Schauffler School	50 50
Min. Relief	49 36
Expense Fund	53 46
Trustees' Fund \$629.40 included in State Work, plus Potter 120 00	
	6,552 27
Potter Bequest	5,000 00
	\$11,552 27

MRS. A. H. STONEMAN,
Treasurer.

**ANNUAL MEETING OF THE MICHIGAN BRANCH OF
THE W. B. M. I.**

The thirty-seventh annual meeting of the Michigan Branch of the W. B. M. I. was held in the Congregational Church at Benton Harbor, March 31st, 1910. The meeting was opened at nine-thirty a. m. by the fourth Vice-President, Mrs. Archibald Hadden, of Muskegon.

Officers were elected as follows:

Honorary President—Mrs. L. Kassick, Jackson.

President—Mrs. L. P. Haight, Muskegon.

First Vice-President—Mrs. C. B. Stowell, Hudson.

Second Vice-President—Miss Abby D. Baker, Detroit.

Third Vice-President—Mrs. Archibald Hadden, Muskegon.

Fourth Vice-President—Mrs. B. F. Wade, Ludington.

Corresponding Secretary — Mrs. A. O. Wheeler, Grand Rapids.

Recording Secretary—Mrs. Fred B. Harper, Pontiac.

Treasurer—Mrs. J. R. McColl, Detroit.

Assistant Treasurer—Mrs. C. W. Sanders, Detroit.

Junior Secretary—Mrs. C. F. Shirts, Detroit.

Advisory Board—Mrs. Edwin Bishop, Grand Rapids; Mrs. Joseph Coulter, Grand Rapids; Mrs. S. T. Morris, Grand Rapids; Mrs. Savidge, Grand Rapids; Mrs. John M. Donaldson, Detroit.

Treasurer's Report.

Michigan Branch W. B. M. I., from March 1909 to 1910.

ASSOCIATIONS.	Senior	Y. L.	C. E.	S. S.	M. B.	Th. O.	Debt	Total
Cheboygan	\$29 65	\$6 25					\$3 00	\$38 90
Detroit	983 52	18 90	\$36 50	\$34 50		\$12 50	158 55	1194 47
Eastern	41 00	12 00	31 00	6 25		38 40	16 00	139 65
Genesee	114 30				\$2 11	38 15	6 00	155 56
Gladstone	681 25	100 00	73 50	2 00	2 50	11 40	15 00	885 65
Grand Rapids	672 60	109 60	6 00	28 75	2 00	51 06	6 90	876 81
Grand Traverse	738 87		26 10	50 25		74 77	57 00	941 99
Jackson	350 41		78 50	14 73	33 28	42 20	47 50	566 62
Kalamazoo	73 00		10 00	7 82		104 00	9 00	203 82
Lake Superior	50 74					12 15	5 25	68 14
Lansing	108 00	2 00	15 00		10 00	86 00	5 00	226 00
Muskegon	69 28		5 00		21 04	65 30		160 62
North Central	144 99			5 00		44 60	18 50	213 09
Olivet	404 00	15 00	26 25			3 63	38 85	487 73
Saginaw	364 72		10 00	9 75		18 65	6 00	7 40
Sault St. Marie								415 12
Southern								
Total	\$4771 33	\$263 65	\$322 85	\$155 45	\$70 93	\$592 81	\$404 55	\$6581 57

Special Objects:

Ypsilanti, Memorial for Mrs. Pomeroy for Miss Shattuck's school	\$20 00
St. Joseph, for J. J. Banninga, Madura	12 00
Offering at annual meeting at Traverse City	\$32 00
Bequest, Mrs. Ella G. Potter, Alpena	13 45
From collection for Miss Wyckoff's expenses	4,087 50
	4 00

Total receipts \$10,668 52

Remitted, Mrs. S. E. Hurlbut, Treas. W. B. M. I.—Regular \$6,449 14
Special 4,069 50

Expenses as per itemized account 149 88

\$10,668 52

Total disbursements \$10,668 52

March 25, 1910.

Audited and found correct.

PERCY J. FARRELL, Auditor.

Woman's Work for Missions.

CONTRIBUTIONS OF THE WOMEN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETIES TO THE AMERICAN BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS (THROUGH THE WOMEN'S BOARD OF MISSIONS FOR THE INTERIOR), STATE AND NATIONAL HOME MISSIONS, THE AMERICAN MISSIONARY-ASSOCIATION, THE SUNDAY SCHOOL AND PUBLISHING SOCIETY, AND THE CONGREGATIONAL EDUCATION SOCIETY, FOR THE YEAR 1909. COMPILED FROM OFFICIAL SOURCES, 1909.

NOTE.—These sums are from the official reports of the societies' treasurers; they are included in the statistical report of the benevolences of the churches and are here given separately for the information of the churches. Non-contributing churches are omitted from the list.

CHURCHES.	A. B. C. F. M.	Home Miss.	Ch. Bldg.	A. M. A.	Ed. Educ.	S. S. & Pub.	Min. Aid.	TOTALS.
Ada, 1st	\$2 50	\$2 50						\$5 00
Addison		15 00						15 00
Alamo	11 30	11 75						23 05
Alba	1 25							1 25
Allegan	17 00	50 69						67 69
Allendale	5 00	30 00		\$5 00				40 00
Almont	9 00	21 00						30 00
Alpena	34 15	25 00		50 00				109 15
Alpine	24 20	2 00						26 20
Ann Arbor	331 10	193 10	\$5 00	55 00	\$5 00	\$5 00		594 20
Bangor	8 00	5 00						13 00
Bay City	8 63	30 00		8 00				46 63
Benton Harbor	35 89	75 00		20 00			\$5 00	135 80
Benzonia	96 06	29 75		1 75				127 56
Big Rapids	5 00	41 40						46 40
Breckenridge	31 25							31 25
Bronson		15 00						15 00
Cadillac		13 75		50 00	6 00			69 75
Calumet	47 00	60 00		10 00				117 00
Central Lake	2 00							2 00
Charlevoix	16 00	25 00		2 00				43 00
Charlotte	72 60	100 00						172 60
Cheboygan	10 00	29 00			15 00			54 00
Chelsea	60 00	60 00						120 00
Clare	6 80	13 75						20 05
Cleon and Marilla	2 00							2 00
Clinton	47 50	39 00						86 50
Constantine	20 00	35 00						55 00
Cooper	13 00	11 00						24 00
Covert	7 60	11 00		10 00				28 60
Delhi Mills		17 00				5 12		22 12
Detroit, 1st	670 81	381 25	11 87	61 75	23 75	7 12	9 50	1,186 05
" Woodward Ave.	200 13	116 04		25 25				341 42
" Fort St.	36 00	30 00						66 00
" Brewster	119 58	79 03						198 56
" Boulevard	36 00	38 75						74 75
" Mt. Hope		7 77						7 77
Dexter		15 00						15 00
Douglas	100 00							100 00
Eaton Rapids	20 00	30 00						50 00
East Gilead		16 00						16 00
Flint	16 85	31 15						48 00
Frankfort	9 90	5 00						14 90
Fremont	10 00							10 00

CHURCHES.	A.B.C. F. M.	Home Miss.	Ch. Bldg.	A. M. A.	Educ.	S. S. & Pub.	Min. Aid.	TOTALS.
Galesburg	\$12 55	\$45 00						\$57 50
Grand Blanc	9 50	15 00		\$6 00				30 50
Grand Haven	4 00							4 00
Grand Ledge	2 50	20 00						22 50
Grand Rapids, Park	454 00	260 00	\$2 50	99 00	\$30 00	\$1 50	\$2 00	849 00
" 2d	25 00	10 40		10 00				45 00
" " South	30 00			25 00				55 00
" " Smith M'l.	12 00	10 00						22 00
" " Plymouth	25 50	25 00						50 50
" " East	5 00							5 00
" " Wallin M'l	6 00							6 00
Grandville	12 00	7 50	25	1 30	50	15	20	21 90
Grass Lake	17 00	60 00						77 00
Greenville	29 20	28 70	25	11 40	4 25		20	74 20
Hancock	88 00	85 00						173 00
Harrison		11 00						11 00
Hart	26 00	10 00						36 00
Highland	13 85	18 50	5 00				5 00	42 35
Honor	25							25
Hopkins, 2d		13 00						13 00
Hubbell	10 00							10 00
Hudson	45 00	40 00						85 00
Hudsonville	5 00							5 00
Jackson, 1st	256 62	195 00						451 62
" Plymouth	30 00	6 50						36 50
Kalamazoo	94 30	136 00						230 30
Laingsburg	23 25	16 00						39 25
Lansing, Plymouth	35 82	110 00	7 34	11 78	10 12	16 16		191 22
" Pilgrim		25 00						25 00
Leroy		8 00						8 00
Leslie, 1st	4 00	22 00						26 00
Litchfield	49 99	39 66	5 37	25 00				120 02
Ludington	126 29	74 87	1 83	19 49	3 65	1 10	1 46	228 69
Mackinac Island	6 00							6 00
Manistee	537 70	80 00						617 70
Mattawan	12 50	5 00						17 50
Maybee	1 50							1 50
Michigan Centre		5 00						5 00
Moline	28 00	7 00						35 00
Middleville		5 00						5 00
Morenci	20 00							20 00
Muskegon, 1st	186 00	157 00	8 65	18 85	18 40	8 70	20 00	417 60
New Baltimore	1 00							1 00
New Haven	8 75	5 00				12 88		26 58
North Adams	37 00	30 00					1 00	68 00
Old Mission	16 30	11 45			4 75			32 50
Olivet	83 71	112 76			14 50			210 97
Ovid	12 11	8 00						20 11
Owosso	41 00	36 60						77 60
Oxford	10 00	9 00						19 00
Pinckney		20 00						20 00
Pontiac	62 50	40 00						102 50
Port Huron, 1st	10 00							10 00
Portland	14 82	9 55		5 00				29 37
Port Sanilac	1 00							1 00
Ransom	10 00	10 00						20 00
Red Jacket	58 82	26 25		20 00				105 07
Reed City	22 03	7 80		3 00				32 83
Rochester		24 00						24 00
Romeo	10 00	5 00						15 00
S. S. Marie	1 40							1 40
Saginaw, 1st	413 70	300 00						713 70
St. Clair	100 00	58 19	4 82	7 50				170 51
St. Johns	6 00			5 00				11 00
St. Joseph	14 00	12 00	4 34	48 00	2 50	25 00		105 84
Salem, 1st		2 50						2 50
Sandstone	10 50	6 00					5 00	16 50
Shelby		20 00	5 00	5 00			5 00	35 00

CHURCHES.	A. B. C. F. M.	Home Miss.	Ch. Bldg.	A. M. A.	Educ.	S. S. & Pub.	Min. Aid.	TOTALS.
Sheridan		\$25 00						\$25 00
Sherman	\$1 00							1 00
Somerset	27 00	25 00						52 00
South Haven	48 60	40 00						88 60
Stanton	10 00	30 00		\$5 00				45 00
Three Oaks	237 77	90 32	\$8 60	32 67				369 36
Thompsonville	11 10							11 10
Traverse City, 1st	201 50	36 25	6 25	42 75	\$10 00	\$6 25		303 00
Union City	59 00	34 25						93 25
Vanderbilt	4 65							4 65
Vermontville	35 78	19 25						55 03
Victor	2 00	14 75						16 75
Watervliet	34 20	19 10						53 30
Webster	14 52	15 00	25		50	25		30 52
West Adrian	10 00	20 00						30 00
Wheatland	27 50	45 00						72 50
Wolverine	5 00							5 00
Wyandotte	15 00	15 00						30 00
Ypsilanti	66 25	45 00			10 00			121 25
	\$6163 29	\$4482 43	\$77 32	\$700 39	158 92	\$89 38	\$49 36	\$11,861 29
Miscellaneous		110 00			12 70			
	\$6163 29	\$4592 43	\$77 32	\$700 39	171 62	\$89 38	\$49 36	\$11,861 29
Legacies		5000 00						
	\$6,163 29	\$0,592 43	\$77 32	\$700 39	\$171 62	\$89 38	\$49 36	\$11,861 29
Totals								
	\$6,163 29	\$0,592 43	\$77 32	\$700 39	\$171 62	\$89 38	\$49 36	\$11,861 29

Branch, Mission and Out-Station Sunday Schools.

NAME OF SCHOOL.	SUPERINTENDENT.	SUPERINTENDENT'S ADDRESS.	MEMBERS.
Beulah	C. J. Smith	Beulah	40
Brampton	Rev. Mr. Siebald	Brampton	24
Breckenridge, Union Bible School	W. O. Shillington	Breckenridge	20
Bush	Miss Pearl Hill	Bellaire, R. D. 3	20
Camp 10	Mr. Snyder	Bellaire, R. D. 3	50
Churchills	Mrs. Edmund Wilson	East Jordan, R. D. 3	40
Delhi Mills	Mrs. N. F. Estabrook	Ann Arbor, R. D. 7	55
Detroit, Polish	Rev. Paul Kozielek	1002 McDougal ave. Detroit	134
Eden	Fred Root	Beulah	60
Edwards	George Kingsland	Atlanta	26
Finkton	Ernest Button	East Jordan, R. D. 3	45
Gibbs	Mrs. C. F. Gibbs	Hetherton	15
Gladys	Mrs. James Byers	Sault Ste. Marie	26
Hatfield	Mrs. Lovica Barton	Woodville	40
Henery	Wm. Swainston	Woodlawn	14
Hetherton	Milo Wilson	Hetherton	20
Hitchcock	Wallace Freemant	Hitchcock	20
Iroquois			26
Jacobs	Mrs. Wm. Taylor	Bellaire, R. D. 3	25
Jacobsville	J. W. Wyckoff	Jacobsville	24
Kellyville	E. C. Ewing	Atlanta	32
Kenney	Mrs. Eunice Parker	Covert	21
Lemon Lake	Welcome Hall	Copemish	40
Lockwood Lake			24
Maxton	George A. Strickland	Drummond	27
McCormack	Mrs. E. McCormack	Lewiston	30
McKenzie	George Downing	Atlanta	36
Murnet	Lester Ballow	Gaylord, R. D. 1	45
Neepish	Mrs. Cahow	Thorice	25
Northland	Miss Myrtle Walker	Northland	9
North Side	John Berg	Alpena	60
North Vernon, Crockery S. S.	Josephine Barringer	Nunica	20
Oakwood	Levi Clark	Navarre	80
Ogontz	Miss Helen Filkins	Ogontz	24
Packard	A. J. Olson	South Haven, R. D. 3	44
Paulville	Richard Grantham	Covert	37
Peoples	Otto Smith	Bellaire, R. D. 3	50
Pleasant Valley	Miss Maud Petit	Central Lake, R. D. 3	40
Rockery	Miss Ruby Calkins	Chestonia	25
Schenck	Mrs. J. L. Evelhoch	Schenck, R. D. 5	45
South Covert	Burrell Doolittle	Covert	42
Springdale	Oliver Wilson	Thompsonville, R. D. 2	30
Swanson	H. L. Halverson	Swanson	15
Town Line	Henry Howard	Benzonia	35
Vance	George Vance	East Jordan, R. D. 5	50
Vienna	Birney Dutton	Vienna	12
Westwood	Mrs. Etta Woodham	Westwood	45
Woodlawn	Wm. Swainston	Woodlawn	14
Total			1,681

THE STATISTICS.

JANUARY 1, 1909 — JANUARY 1, 1910.

The tables which follow comprise:

1. The usual statistics of pastoral supply, membership, admissions, removals, baptisms, families, Sunday schools, Young People's Societies of Christian Endeavor, benevolences, legacies, and home expenditures. These tables are made to conform to those of the Year Book. Names of ministers not connected with any Congregational association in Michigan are enclosed in brackets. The column specifying churches is corrected to date of meeting of the Conference, and conforms to the Registrar's report. (See Document A.) The column specifying ministers is corrected to date of printing. Pastors installed by council are denoted by "i."
2. A table of annual summaries.
3. The alphabetical list of minister and licentiates.

MICHIGAN CONGREGATIONAL CONFERENCE

ORGANIZED October 11, 1842. OFFICERS: Rev. Mac H. Wallace, Detroit, Moderator; Rev. W. A. Minty, Lansing, Statistical Secretary; C. A. Gower,

Place	CHURCHES			SUNDAY SCHOOL			BENEFICENCE			SALARIES, VALUES, ETC.		
	Superintendent		Members	Young People's Societies.	Mem.	Foreign Missions	Education	Church Bldg.	Home Missions	Am. Miss. Association	Cong. S. S. and Pub. Soc.	Minister'l Aid
Abd, 1st, 2d,	Irvin Wride,	b	100	75	\$0	\$	\$	\$	\$10	\$500	\$350	'71
Addison,	Mrs. Clara Cutler,	116	12	3	5	16	6	4	\$5	*\$1,200	\$	\$
Alamo,	Walter Rector,	60	12	3	5	26	3	4	\$5	*3,500		
Alba,	Mrs. Frank Myers,	75	19	4	3	13	4	4	22	616	'86	
Algausse,	L. H. Draper,	35	22	2	4	28	63	678	500	'69	4,500	
Allegan,	Prof. Hiram W. McIntosh, h	168	97	48	9	91	16	11	28	215	1,000	'64
Allendale,	James Phillips Jannison, ^a	80	80	6	6	25	9	13	4	470	'74	8,000
Allenville,	John Sunnerby,	50	19	15	15	15	15	15	15	285	'85	3,000
Almonit,	Mrs. F. E. Emmons,	200	30	7	3	15	2	144	1,245	800	'74	*1,200
Alpens,	Willard T. Warren,	325	226	30	75	480	92	23	15	915	5,149	1,600
Alpine, Trinity,	Mrs. Lora Holmes, ^b	80	45	407	40	444	0	5	10	414	800	'68
Ann Arbor,	John W. Finlayson,	250	250	35	20	18	565	1,474	6,429	3,000	'75	25,000
Arvada,	George A. True,	150	40	40	40	18	120	1,700	800	'45	5,500	5,000
Athens,	Harvey L. Hollinger, R. D.	111	20	20	5	11	31	31	31	417	4,000	551
Aukanta,	J. D. Kumpster,	20	20	4	4	1	10	334	1150	'56	2,000	895
Augusta,	Miss Birdie Moore,	40	18	18	18	1	18	26	300	1500	'83	4,000
Baldwin,	Rev. George W. Kinney, h	90	30	1	20	5	20	45	952	'60	2,700	
Bartcroft,	Edwin Lawrence,	86	27	8	17	5	20	45	688	'86	5,500	
Bangor, 1st,	James M. Brown,	75	45	8	9	2	17	17	440	'83	6,000	
Bangor, West,	George R. Hobbs, ^c	110	45	25	2	27	54	320	1260	'79	*800	
Baroda,	Charles W. Nye,	61	0	1	2	3	25	25	251	1325	'92	2,500
Bass River,		30	1	4	3	1	1	17	92	1100	'92	1,000
Batavia,	Mrs. Ella Wilcox,	30	0	12	1	1	37	200	1,500	90	*1,200	700
Bay City,	E. B. Perry,	433	64	5	5	25	5	325	1,500	22,000	1,500	480
Beacon Hill,	Mrs. George Osborn,	58	0	5	5	1	5	325	1,500	1903	*2,000	1,400
Bedford,	Henry A. Smith,	85	0	19	2	2	21	2,047	350	93	3,000	600
Belding,				29	29	1	21	850	76	97	12,000	
Belford,	E. M. Gray,	106	11	4	4	4	685	1,600	83	*3,500	*1,200	
Belaire,	H. C. Bastar,	537	35	107	40	104	728	3,029	1,800	*25,000	25,000	
Benton Harbor,	H. B. Woodward,	275	90	200	2205	10	50	2,664	1,112	87	5,000	
Benzonia,	Francis Keyes, ^d	62	25	2	2	4	4	200	91	1,800		
Bethel,				5	5	8	100	160	95	1,000		
Big Prairie,	Miles Barton, White Cloud,	70	25	3	3	1	1					
Allendale, R. D. 1.												
Grand Rapids, R. D. 2.												
Bangor, R. D.												
Bronson, R. D. 7.												

^a Missionary aid to salary.

^b No parsonage.

CITY OR TOWN	ORG.	CLERKS		MINISTERS						MEMBERS						ADMITTED		REMOVED		BAPT.	
		Name	Name	Name	ORD.	Cd	Ma.	Fe.	To.	Ab.	C.	L.	To.	Di.	L.	R.	To.	Ad.	Inf.	Fam.	
Big Rapids,	1st, Township,	1876 Max E. Lawn,	1876 Mrs. Lizzie Strouse,	David G. Blair,	'93	'04	48	104	152	7	4	5	9	2	4	75	81	0	2	500	
"	"	1893 John Henderson,	1893 Mrs. Grace L. Stromberg,	David G. Blair,	'93	'04	8	25	33	4	0	0	0	0	2	3	5	0	0	25	50
Big Rock,		1887 John Bradley,	1887 Dr. L. A. Howe,	Iman Wisse,	'05	'09	13	18	31	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	20	50
Brookfield,		1879 W. H. Howe,	1881 C. E. Whitten,	[George H. Coman, Lic.]	'08	32	63	95	15	10	5	15	2	2	3	0	4	6	0	4	55
Bridgeport,		1879 C. E. Whitten,	1879 Mrs. Estelle Scribner,	[Fred C. Smith, Lic.]	'09	5	26	31	2	1	3	5	2	3	0	5	1	1	50	25	
Bridgeman,		1879 Mrs. Estelle Scribner,	1868 Mrs. Cora Chapman,	Frank K. McCorkle, Lic.]	'08	7	20	27	3	6	2	8	0	0	0	34	34	0	0	53	60
Brinley,		1868 Mrs. Cora Chapman,	1906 Mrs. Alice C. Skinner,	[Abram H. Lash, Lic.]	'97	10	33	45	6	0	0	0	0	0	34	3	3	1	1	75	
Bronson,		1906 Mrs. Alice C. Skinner,	1892 Walter Huyok,	[George D. Lyford, Lic.]	'08	10	19	20	7	2	4	6	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	12	
Buckley,		1883 Dea. Fred S. Lamb,	1883 Ed. S. Grierson,	[Walter E. Lyon, Lic.]	'09	16	32	48	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	8	9	
Butternut,		1873 Ed. S. Grierson,	1859 Thomas W. Clark,	Ernest J. Millington,	'08	08	69	131	200	29	22	9	31	0	2	3	0	5	8	9	
Cadillac,		1859 Thomas W. Clark,	1875 J. W. Clement,	Luther K. Long,	'05	127	229	356	47	16	6	22	8	2	10	1	23	25	250		
Calumet,		1875 J. W. Clement,	1883 George Knowles,	[A. H. Sturgis, M. E.]	'08	10	15	10	5	1	0	6	2	3	40						
Canandaigua,		1883 George Knowles,	1887 Mrs. Emma C. Meyer,	[Ruel Powell, M. P.]	'03	09	16	30	46	15	1	2	3	0	1	0	1	1	0	36	
Canonon, Rockford, R. D. 26		1887 Mrs. Emma C. Meyer,	1902 Ellsworth Billman,	[Wm. Mitchell, Lic.]	'10	34	81	115	60	8	0	8	0	1	0	1	8	0	72		
Cannonsburg,		1902 Ellsworth Billman,	1903 George A. Link,	Clement Upham,	'06	08	8	14	22	3	0	0	0	0	10	10	0	0	0	80	
Carmel, Charlotte, R. D.,		1903 George A. Link,	1884 D. H. Stebbins,	Holden A. Putnam,	'06	08	18	47	65	20	11	3	14	3	0	0	1	4	2	9	
Carson City,		1884 D. H. Stebbins,	1869 Mrs. Belle Lutz,	Thomas R. McRoberts,	'86	05	45	95	140	11	2	7	9	3	3	0	6	0	0	110	
Carsonville,		1869 Mrs. Belle Lutz,	1882 Mrs. H. S. Harsha,	William S. Steensma,	'91	02	60	166	226	20	11	15	16	1	4	0	5	0	0	200	
Cedar, Run,		1882 Mrs. H. S. Harsha,	1881 John Easing,	James F. Fryer,	'10	07	12	22	34	5	4	1	5	0	0	0	1	0	1	6	
Cedar Springs,		1881 John Easing,	1873 Mrs. O. J. Caldwell,	Martin Lee Grant,	'01	05	92	160	252	45	16	5	21	0	0	1	1	2	10	35	
Central Lake,		1873 Mrs. O. J. Caldwell,	1890 Mrs. John Daley,	Gordon O. Speer.	'10	09	8	21	29	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	200	
Charlevoix,		1890 Mrs. John Daley,	1872 Mrs. Mary Brodie,	George E. Brown,	'08	09	4	16	20	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Charlotte,		1872 Mrs. Mary Brodie,	1893 Mrs. Lena McCormick,	Noah J. Myers,	'86	09	7	17	24	0	12	4	16	1	0	3	14	17	0	5	
Chase,		1893 Mrs. Lena McCormick,	1879 Wm. J. Ridout,	Frank Fulkerson,	'02	08	35	49	84	0	27	4	31	0	0	0	0	0	0	25	
Chassell,		1879 Wm. J. Ridout,	1844 Dea. C. M. Halliday,	Chas. S. Tubbs,	'07	09	63	152	215	30	0	4	4	5	1	0	1	0	0	160	
Cheboygan,		1844 Dea. C. M. Halliday,	1853 Mrs. Clara M. Ball,	Wm. D. J. Stevenson,	'85	08	8	20	28	4	0	2	4	1	1	1	0	1	0	70	
Chesterfield, New Baltimore, 47		1853 Mrs. Clara M. Ball,	1851 Dea. Nathan B. Clark, ^d	William W. Gadd,	'88	03	56	74	130	40	4	0	4	3	1	0	4	4	3	70	
Chester Station,		1851 Dea. Nathan B. Clark, ^d	1896 Mrs. Mary L. Maycroft,	Leonard E. Hague,	'03	09	26	41	67	6	3	4	1	0	4	8	24	3	3	150	
Chippewa Lake,		1896 Mrs. Mary L. Maycroft,	1891 Dea. R. D. 7.																		
Clare,																					
Clarksville,																					
Cleon and Marilla, ^c																					
Clinton,																					
Coloma,																					
Colombus,																					
Concord,																					

^a New Baltimore, R. D. 1.^b Charlotte, R. D. 7.^c Copemish, R. D. 2.^d Adair.

City or Town	Org.	Name	CLERICS										MINISTERS										MEMBERS		ADMITTED		REMOVED		BAK.	
			CLERICS					MINISTERS					MEMBERS					ADMITTED					REMOVED		BAK.					
			Name	Ord.	Cd	Ma.	Fe.	To.	Ab.	C.	L.	To.	D.	L.	R.	To.	Ad.	Inf.	Fam.											
Constantine,		1888 Dea. Charles T. Steers,	Wilmot E. Stevens,	'00	08	42	82	124	7	7	6	13	0	7	0	7	2	1	100											
books,		1898 Mrs. Ida Phillips,	[William C. Bowins, <i>Lic.</i>]		06	10	18	28	8	6	1	7	0	7	0	7	0	0	0	27										
cooper, Kalamazoo, R. D.	12,	1891 J. H. Skinner	Frank Wilkerson,	'97	10	23	47	70	16	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	3	0	60										
opernish,		1890 Mrs. Alonso Chubb,	John W. Sherwood,	'92	05	8	0	8	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	40										
Joral,		1872 Mrs. Belle Johnston,	[F. O. Lassette, <i>F. B.</i>]	'99	08	20	43	63	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	60										
orinth,		1893 Mrs. F. M. King*,	Henry M. Lyman,	'90	14	16	30	11	0	0	5	5	0	1	0	12	12	0	0	25										
overt,		1870 Mrs. Laura E. Spelman,	[Walter E. Lyon, <i>Lic.</i>]	'87	05	19	46	0	5	5	0	5	0	1	1	11	12	0	0	175										
Crystal,		1877 Mrs. Pearl W. Juster,	Frank M. Woodmansee,	'91	09	24	65	1	21	13	0	3	0	3	0	3	1	0	0	30										
Deerfield,		1879 Miss Margaret Chisolm,		'99	09	5	27	32	15	0	5	5	0	2	0	2	0	0	45											
Detroit,	1st,	1844 No. Woodward,	Wm. Byron Forbush, <i>i.</i>	'92	06	231	440	671	62	43	28	71	2	18	94	114	16	11	555											
		1909 W. H. Burr,	Wm. H. Warren,	'69	10	114	227	341	21	3	5	8	1	11	0	12	0	0	22	375										
		1881 Albert F. Ebeling,	Archie McCullum, <i>Lic.</i>	'83	10	75	118	5	3	3	6	0	6	0	6	0	0	0	60											
		1889 Chas. J. Webber,	Mac H. Wallace,	'06	09	105	185	290	30	18	19	37	1	4	5	10	4	11	350											
		1894 Frank B. Williams,	Wm. J. Jacobs,	'01	10	29	39	68	5	8	10	18	1	4	4	9	2	15	50											
		1897 Reginald S. Blomfield,	J. C. Townsend.	'95	07	47	64	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9	0	1	40											
		1908 James A. Hillis,	[Alfred L. Woodlock.]	'71	06	25	60	85	22	4	3	7	0	2	0	5	20	4	1	40										
		1839 Miss Elizabeth Deckert,	Frederick W. Bush,		20	30	50	119	18	4	1	5	3	0	7	3	0	175												
Dexter,		1862 Mrs. Frank W. Wade,	John T. Walker,	'89	05	29	50	119	18	4	1	5	3	0	7	3	0	175												
Douglas,		1887 Dover,	George D. Strickland,	'89	03	5	4	9	1	0	1	1	0	0	2	2	0	0	50											
		1850 Dowagiac,	George Hill,	'88	07	21	53	74	12	0	0	0	0	1	0	5	6	0	0	100										
		1853 Drummond,	John C. Gibson,	'98	09	18	48	67	10	4	22	26	0	2	5	0	7	0	1	50										
Dundee,		1847 East Gilead,	[Franklin Lines, <i>Lic.</i>]		09	11	30	0	0	30	30	0	0	0	2	4	0	6	0	0	25									
Durand,		1852 Eastake,	Robert Goldsmith,	'09	10	52	53	105	21	6	14	20	0	0	1	0	0	0	35											
		1857 East Lansing,	Robert D. King,	'81	07	9	13	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	100											
		1866 East Newlinville,	Chas. W. Fletcher, <i>Sup., Bap.</i>	'09	07	4	22	6	4	2	0	0	0	2	4	6	4	2	50											
		1888 East Nelson,	[Dudley J. Miller, <i>Lic.</i>]		10	10	26	36	7	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	100										
		1882 East Newton,	John Claffin,	'86	08	24	93	117	29	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	100											
		1860 East Paris,	Ephraim M. Corey,	'72	03	4	11	15	5	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	12											
		1885 Eastport,	[John Duncan, <i>Lic.</i>]		06	08	6	14	20	1	1	1	3	0	1	1	1	0	150											
		1843 Eaton Rapids,	Clement Upham,	'09	8	27	35	6	3	2	1	3	1	0	2	0	1	2	0	40										
		1903 Echo,		19	40	5	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	100										
		1879 Elmwood,		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	40										
		1888 Elsworth,		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	100										
		1879 Escanaba,		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	28										
		1887 Fayette,		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	100										
		1887 Farwell,		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	100										
		1887 Fayetteville,		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	100										
		1887 Farwell,		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	100										
		1887 Fayetteville,		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	100										
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		1887 Fayetteville,		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	100										
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CHURCHES Place	SUNDAY SCHOOL Superintendent	V.P.S.										BENEFICENCE										SALARIES, VALUES, ETC.				
		Men.	Mem.	Foreign Mis.	Ed'n	Ch.	Home Miss.	A. M.	S. S.	Min. Aid	Other	Total	Home Exp.	Salary, etc.	Ch. Etc.	Value of Ch. Prop.	Inv. Funds	Amt. of Debt								
Constantine,	Dr. L. K. Sloate,	130	25	\$25	\$	\$	\$87	\$16	\$15	\$	\$11	\$154	\$1,739	\$900	\$88	\$15,000	\$2,000	\$								
Cooks,	Mrs. M. Williams,	30	0	0			30	3	5		3	150	+250	98	1,500											
Cooper,	Mrs. Laura Sherwood,	70	0									600	43	3,000												
Copernish,	Miss Ada Tarry,	20										35	225	92	1,200											
Coral,	Hubert Rhodes,	50										17	2	3	225	72	*3,300									
Corinth,	Mrs. F. M. King, ^a	30										10	6	3	250	150	*2,500									
Covert,	G. Carroll Ross, ^b	256	90				18	12	3		3	31	250	150	93	6,000	79	2,500	600							
Crystal,	Mrs. Clyde LaSalle,	80	0									20	108	1,447	700	260	77	2,500								
Custer,	Russel B. Gregg,	60	0									6	3	2	31	380	+260	77								
Deerfield,	Harold G. Jump, ^c	457	150	2,952	503	208	3,967	626	681	148	990	10,075	14,590	92	*18,000											
Detroit, 1st,	Hugh B. Clement, ^c	500	110	303	20	20	999	15	31	26	15	1,317	34,674	3,500	1909	120,000										
" No. Wood'd,	F. W. Schmidt,	320	60	35	25	151	31	26	15	27	303	3,100	1,500	1902	*33,333											
" Fort st.,	Henry Steecker, ^c	141	40	10																						
" Mt. Hope,	E. S. Stringer, ^c	400	80	161																						
" Brewster,	Wm. Barrows, ^c	519	37																							
" Boulevard P.,	S. E. Clark, ^c	80	42	0																						
Dexter,	Mrs. A. L. Woodlock, ^c	80	25	25																						
Douglas,	Mrs. L. E. Bush, ^c	165	0	18																						
Dover,	O. G. Beach, ^c	50	0	5																						
Dowagiac,	Joseph N. McAdam, ^c	75	30	4																						
Drummond,	L. J. Oststrander, ^c	100	17	5																						
Dundee,	E. S. Atherton, ^c	55	20	3																						
Durand,	Edson J. Foster, ^c	130	25	20																						
East Gilead,	Chas. I. Ricker, ^c	130	10	2																						
Eastlake,	Prof. T. C. Blaisdall, ^c	25	10	2																						
East Lansing,	Henry B. Garrison, ^c	60	0	2																						
Eastmanville,	Mrs. Anna Newman, ^c	45	25	25																						
East Newton,	Mrs. Eliza Lowyer, ^c	67	25	25																						
East Paris,	Mrs. Laura C. Hyde, ^c	135	50	2																						
Eastport,	Miss Ruby Calkins, ^{bb}	60	29	2																						
Eaton Rapids,	W. A. Boss, ^c	63	35	2																						
Echo,	Mrs. Anna E. Felker, ^c	15	35	6																						
Edmore,	Watson Honeywell, ^c	67	25	3																						
Ellsworth,	John Follo, ^c	135	10	2																						
Easerville,		60	29	13																						
Excelsior,		63	35	21																						
Farwell,		15	35	6																						
Fayette,																										
* Rose, R. D. 61.	" Grand Rapids, R. D. 12.																									
" South Haven, R. D. 7.	" Chesterfield, R. D. 7.																									

^a No parsonage.

^b No parsonage.

^c No parsonage.

^d Cooperville, R. D. 3.

^e Saug Lake, R. D. 38.

^{bb} Bronson, R. D. 7.

[†] Missionary aid to salary.

Marshall, R. D.

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CITY OR TOWN	ORG.	NAME	CLERKS			MINISTERS			MEMBERS			ADMITTED			REMOVED			BAFF.		
			NAME	ORD.	Cd.	MA.	FE.	TO.	AB.	C.	L.	TO.	DI.	L.	R.	TO.	AD.	INF.	FAM.	
Linden,	1887	M. W. Pierce,	Chester W. Greene,	'89	'08	14	41	55	12	2	7	9	1	4	0	5	2	0	54	
Litchfield,	1839	Mrs. Gennie Gibbs,	Charles E. Taggart,	'86	'03	54	111	165	29	1	3	4	0	5	5	10	1	4	175	
Long Rapids,	1899	William A. Hall,	[Fred Errington, <i>Lic.</i>]	'89	'09	13	19	32	0	21	11	32	0	0	0	0	0	0	80	
Lowell,	1850	Miss Mary Robinson,	Wm. D. Off,	'99	'07	30	92	122	33	8	4	12	2	1	0	3	0	0	80	
Ludington,	1870	Miss Anna B. Edwards,	Benjamin H. Burtt,	'89	'98	79	217	296	64	36	4	40	5	10	10	25	12	35	225	
Mackinac Island,	1899	S. B. Poole,	John Lambrecht,	'00	'08	35	106	141	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	18		
Manistee,	1874	Mrs. Amelia Lyon,	John J. Staley,	'94	'02	60	164	224	0	17	9	26	6	3	48	57	9	21	150	
Maple City,	1882	Mrs. H. B. Pierson,	Andrew H. Fisher,	'87	'7	12	19	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	50	
Mattawan,	1887	Mrs. Libbie C. Gildden,	[John D. Perrin, <i>Bap.</i>]	'04	'09	26	43	69	16	4	0	4	1	6	0	0	3	78		
Matteson,	1889	Sylvester L. Carter, ^a	[Charles Obey, <i>M. P.</i>]	'09	'7	15	22	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	30	
Maybee,	1880	Mrs. Eliza Collins,	Edward H. Epens,	'98	'98	20	44	64	3	7	3	10	1	0	0	0	1	7	4	
Memphis,	1884	Miss Florence Johnson,	Charles D. Bamister,	'86	'08	19	77	96	20	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	80	
Merrill,	1878	Mrs. E. H. Massieau,	8	28	36	5	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	50		
Metamora,	1869	Mrs. Anna French,	[John F. Orwick, <i>M. E.</i>]	'89	'03	13	17	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	40	
Michigan Center,	1846	Miss Errie M. Turner, ^b	[Fred R. Bush, <i>Lic.</i>]	'02	'08	25	80	105	15	0	6	6	3	0	0	0	0	0	50	
Middleville,	1887	Mrs. Judson Stark,	[C. C. Lowther, <i>Lic.</i>]	'09	'3	4	7	0	0	4	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Miletts,	1857	A. C. Gilbert,	[F. O. Laslette, <i>F. B.</i>]	'10	'63	89	152	27	1	8	9	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Moline,	1853	James Haynes,	[Carl M. Otis, <i>Lic.</i>]	'10	'24	92	116	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Morenci,	1890	Mrs. Ida E. Whelpley,	[Archibald Hadden, <i>Lic.</i>]	'93	'11	28	39	0	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Mulliken,	1859	Edward B. Dana,	[Fred W. Sasse, <i>Lic.</i>]	'09	'80	151	367	518	99	23	31	54	2	20	8	18	0	4	12	
Muskegon, 1st,	1887	Mrs. Arthur Masser,	[Wm. C. Bowins, <i>Lic.</i>]	'06	'09	2	5	7	0	2	6	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	75	
Nahma,	1906	J. A. Nelson,	[Wm. Wiedenhoft, <i>Lic.</i>]	'97	'07	6	12	18	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Nevin's Lake,	1856	Roswell M. Hall,	[Daniel Truman, <i>Lic.</i>]	'88	'08	15	45	60	9	7	2	9	1	0	0	2	5	2	45	
Newaygo,	1856	Mrs. C. E. Hills,	[John M. MacLeod, <i>Lic.</i>]	'08	'19	36	55	1	34	0	1	34	1	0	0	1	1	3	63	
New Baltimore,	1868	Mrs. Benjamin Van Horne.	[Gordon O. Speer, <i>Lic.</i>]	'10	'09	12	33	45	8	0	1	1	2	0	4	6	0	2	50	
New Haven,	1887	Mrs. Ollie M. Matteson,	[John F. Hutchinson, <i>Lic.</i>]	'93	'00	13	22	35	4	8	0	1	0	0	3	4	0	2	17	
Newport,	1847	Mrs. Lida Kempton,	[Jared R. Preston, <i>Lic.</i>]	'65	'03	28	48	76	8	0	0	1	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	
North Adams,	1863	Mrs. Blanche Porter,	[Alfred Bentall, <i>Lic.</i>]	'02	'07	58	82	140	9	0	0	0	1	0	0	6	6	0	105	
Northport,	1874	Mrs. Alta Skeels,	[Chas. A. Parminter, <i>Lic.</i>]	'03	'4	4	4	8	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	9	0	125	
Nunica,	1848	Oldwood,	[Arthur F. Skeels, <i>Lic.</i>]	'82	'09	12	33	45	4	2	3	5	0	1	0	1	2	0	42	
Old Mission,	1879	Wm. D. Bagley,	'82	'08	15	246	361	60	16	38	54	7	45	46	98	13	2	200		
Olivet,	1845	Wm. J. Hoyt,	'84	'09	9	12	21	0	4	0	0	3	0	0	0	2	0	0	30	
Omaha,	1882	Mrs. Leonard A. Wheeler,	[Franklin Lines, <i>Lic.</i>]	'86	'09	15	30	33	54	7	45	46	98	13	2	2	0	0	22	
Onekama,	1866	Mrs. Dora Eldred,	[Peter Schermerhorn, <i>Lic.</i>]	'84	'08	9	12	21	0	4	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	30	
Onondaga,						34	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	

* Muskegon Jackson St. replaced on roll March 10, 1910. (No report.)

^a Jackson, R. D. 9.

^b Jackson, R. D. 9.

^a Jackson, R. D. 7.

MISSIONARY and 10 SABRE. + announced NO

PROLOGUE

Place	CHURCHES		SUNDAY SCHOOL						BENEFICENCE						SALARIES, VALUES, ETC.					
	Superintendent	Mem. Mem.	Foreign Miss.	Ed'n Bd.	Ch. Bdg.	Home Miss.	A. M. A.	S. S. S.	Mn. Min. Aud.	Other	Total	Home Exp.	Salary, etc.	Ch. Etc.	Value of Ch. Prop.	Inv. Funds	Amt. of Deb't			
Orion,	Dr. John H. Crosby,	120	41	\$ 22	\$ 3	\$ 30	\$ 6	\$ 3	\$ 5	\$ 89	\$ 1,302	\$ 1,040	1907	\$ 10,000	\$ 1,000					
Otsego,	Wm. R. Shaw,	109		17	8	59	4	5		88	2,447	850	72	*7,000	250					
Ovid,	Gustav F. Friegel,	400		85	20	137	10	20	5	500	4,850	2,000	91	40,000						
Owosso,	C. A. Merriam,	137		20	24	10	10	2		500	634	900	84	6,500						
Oxford,	Will Strong,	100		40	0	5	25	10		20	86	1,100	800	55	5,200					
Perry,	Mrs. Grace H. Crofoot,	80	36	40	0	13	4	1	1	19	1,000	800	82	5,000	150					
Pinckney,	Mrs. E. M. Fagen, ^a	35		1	5	8	4	0	1	23	200	600	93	4,000						
Pine Grove,	Wm. H. Scott, ^b	185	20	5	0	5	13	4	1	23	900	600	93	4,000						
Pittsford,	James Millard, ^b	25		2		8	4	1		2	30	154	2,425	1,200	1,200					
Pleasanton,	Fred Ebner,	280	65	55	2	3	58	4	13	15	154	2,425	1,200	68	18,000					
Pontiac,	John E. Coulter,	350	60	70	13	11	400	67	45	15	642	5,291	1,500	58	35,000					
Fort Huron, 1st,	Edward Humphrey, ^a	39	25	6	4	4	3	5	55	55	800	1,903	6,200	7,000						
" 24th st.,	Dr. W. B. Hardy,	100	12		25	5	5	30		30	750	900	97	*4,750						
" Ross Menn ¹ ,	Geo. W. Howe,	105	10	3	2	15	15	15		15	525	250	53	2,000						
Fortland,	Lorenzo Webber,	115	40	10	26	5	0	41		41	750	650	53	7,500						
Port Sanilac,	Mrs. Mary Schlichting,	75	25	1	1	4	0	5	212	225	54	1,000								
Potterville,	J. F. Farham,	75		25	1	1	1	1		1	400	1450	75	2,000						
Praterville,	O. W. Thompson,	65	10	4	10	4	4	300		300	150	154	2,000	1,600						
Ransom,	T. E. Scott,	180	25	10	0	5	17	0	3	29	400	1,600	90	2,200						
Rapid River,	Mrs. Robert Griferson, ^d	175		12	0	46	25	24	24	231	1,640	1,250	92	5,000						
Red Jacket,	Thos. J. Bice,	50	47	6	6	13	18	19		113	1,13	625	1,901	3,500						
Redbridge,	Dr. C. D. Woodruff,	90	26	22	55	78	11	11	15	1,792	900	78	8,500							
Reed City,	Miss Ella Hunt,	75	60	10	10	11	11	21	900	850	88	9,500								
Richmond,	E. R. Metcalf,	125	25	24	5	5	3	0	24	1,200	800	74	5,000							
Rochester,	Rev. Clarence Finster,	110	24	6	23	5	5	350		350	74	4,500								
Rockford,	Frank Wager,	54	34	5	5	10	10	10	10	200	150	87	4,500							
Rockwood,	J. Walter Ferguson,	119	14	64	90	12	12	20	4	33	293	2,244	1,000	84	*1,000					
Rodney,	Duncan Matheson,	27	0	1	0	2	18	17	3	38	395	1,267	76	35,000						
Rondo,	David Brown, ^a	40	0	1	5	5	4	1	13	110	1,200	84	800	100	700					
Roscommon,	S. Lee Pack,	70	23	14	5	5	5	44	44	450	1,257	5,200	3,000	67	*2,500					
Rosedale,	W. W. Warner,	250		25	15	445	15	25	320	450	201	1,600	99	*1,500						
Royal Oak,	St. Clair,	180	53	33	25	143	51	33	21	52	514	3,180	1,100	80	19,500	2,150				
Seaginaw, 1st,	St. Joans,	165	60	31	7	8	51	26	25	10	35,	193	2,600	1,200	901	34,000	1,200			
St. Genesee st.,	St. Clair,																			
St. Joans,	George M. Ferrey,																			

^a Bear Lake, R. D. 2.^c Upton.^d Calumet.^e Missionary aid to salary.^f No parsonage.

CHURCHES		CLERKS		MINISTERS		MEMBERS		ADMITTED		REMOVED		BAPT.								
City or Town	Org.	Name		Name	Ord.	C'd	Ma.	Fe.	To.	Ab.	C.	I.	To.	Di.	I.	R.	To.	Ad.	Inf.	Fam.
St. Joseph,	1854	Arthur B. Moffat,		Albert H. Stoneman,	'00	08	61	131	192	22	14	9	23	2	5	0	7	2	6	200
Salem, 1st,	1867	Irving W. Hamilton,		Matthew Knowles,	'89	08	19	28	47	1	6	7	13	2	0	4	6	3	3	25
" 2d,	1851	Mrs. Vesta Waterman,		Matthew Knowles,	'89	08	17	50	67	1	0	5	5	2	0	0	1	0	0	50
Sandstone, Parma, R. D. , 1	1834	L. L. Wheeler,		Allen J. Blair,	'99	07	27	52	79	19	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	60
Saranac,	1870	Miss Lula E. Payne,		[R. W. Paul, <i>Lic.</i>]	'99	07	10	12	40	52	3	8	2	10	0	0	0	0	0	50
Saugatuck,	1860	James A. Aliber,		George Walter Brownback,	'99	09	12	56	79	0	3	2	6	2	0	0	0	0	0	40
Shaffsburg,	1898	Mrs. Alta Dunn,		Malcolm G. Powley,	'97	08	10	19	29	5	5	3	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	50
Shelby,	1864	Mrs. Abba Field,		Frederick P. Sprague.	'96	09	63	136	199	18	44	5	49	2	8	0	10	28	2	200
Sheridan,	1877	Miss Tena B. Hoover,		[J. F. Lansbrough, <i>Lic.</i>]	'08	14	65	79	14	17	4	21	1	1	7	4	12	6	3	200
Sherman,	1872	Miss Clara Hinsley,		[George D. Lyford, <i>Lic.</i>]	'08	23	5	28	6	3	0	3	0	0	0	7	7	0	0	27
Shiobh,	1896			[J. F. Lansbrough, <i>Lic.</i>]	'10	6	13	19	0	12	16	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	30
Sidney,	1890	Mrs. Eva J. Kittle,		[John Duncan, <i>Lic.</i>]	'10	14	24	38	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	100
Six Lakes,	1889	G. E. Cornell,		Robert Gordon.	'76	02	26	63	89	18	1	1	2	0	0	1	1	0	0	50
Somerset,	1853	Frank R. Smith,		Wm. Henry Walker,	'94	03	9	19	28	5	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	22
South Boston, ^a	1883	Ernest D. Collard,		Lewis C. Frost,	'95	06	12	24	97	195	292	38	10	5	15	2	16	5	23	64
South Haven,	1856	Charles H. Wright.		Wm. Wiedenhofst,	'89	07	29	92	14	24	36	10	5	2	0	0	0	1	0	40
Staudish,	1878	Mrs. Helen Crook,					4	15	9	21	13	1	1	8	0	9	8	3	48	
Sugar Island,	1884	John T. H. Pierson,																		
Suttons Bay,	1885																			
Tawas City,	1896	Marcus Hoyt,																		
Texas,	1877																			
Thompsonville,	1900	James J. Stub, ^b																		
Three Oaks,	1892	Mrs. Belle Hallack,		Wallace W. Allen, <i>M. E.</i>	'89	99	7	25	32	0	2	0	2	0	2	8	10	2	4	40
Tipton,	1844	Theron D. Childs,		Frank Fulkerson,	'89	05	34	84	118	16	1	3	4	2	0	0	0	0	0	14
Traverse City, 1st,	1837	Dee. Arthur R. Joseph,		Milton J. Norton,	'97	06	73	138	211	40	20	1	21	4	5	7	7	16	6	125
Trotwood, Oak Park,	1883	S. E. Wait,		William E. Grove, <i>M. P.</i>	'97	08	13	40	53	10	0	0	2	3	5	1	0	9	12	120
Trotwood Creek,	1907	Mrs. C. S. Foster,		Demas Cooblin, <i>i.</i>	'89	09	89	100	186	286	6	40	3	43	2	10	10	22	11	35
Tyrone,	1898	Mrs. George Hardes,		A. A. Allington,	'96	07	16	29	45	7	2	0	16	0	1	3	2	6	10	200
Union City,	1876	Mrs. V. M. Price Fenton,		Chester W. Greene,	'89	08	17	26	43	16	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	300
Utica,	1837	Mrs. Martha Z. Aden,		David Leverett Holbrook,	'77	09	00	61	184	246	70	9	15	5	8	0	13	9	1	150
Vanderbilt,	1885	Miss Cleo A. Green,		[Percy Arthur Arnold, <i>Lic.</i>]	'99	09	4	34	7	4	3	7	2	2	0	10	12	5	23	50
Vermontville,	1881	Thomas Yull,		Franklin M. Chapin,	'80	08	11	39	50	8	3	1	4	0	0	9	1	0	50	
Vernon,	1851	Aza Benedict,		St. Clare Parsons,	'88	07	45	106	151	28	24	3	27	3	6	0	9	19	0	90
Vicksburg,	1845	Miss Stella Davenport,		Thomas E. Bennett,	'07	07	30	65	95	36	5	15	0	0	7	0	7	0	1	74
Victor,	1845	William W. Scott,		Charles Eliot,	'01	08	78	108	25	4	6	10	3	1	0	4	0	0	200	
Waconia,	1862	Mrs. Edith Greene, ^c		R. G. Mylne,	'92	07	26	38	64	13	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	
Warren,	1900	Mrs. A. L. Daniels, ^d		R. Eugene Griggs,	'90	10	25	35	5	1	0	1	3	2	6	0	0	0	31	
Watervliet,	1885					37	13	11	1	0	0	2	2	8	0	0	0	50		
Wayland,	1859	Mrs. Lizzie Wigent,				13	0	1	1	0	0	2	2	8	0	0	0	50		
		Clarkeville, R. D.				05	09	15	22	62	86	0	1	1	0	2	8	0	0	40
		Kalamazoo.																		

^aMerle Beach.

^bDe Witt.

CITY OR TOWN	ORG.	NAME	CLERKS			MINISTERS			MEMBERS			ADMITTED			REMOVED			BAPT.		
			NAME	ORD.	C'D	MA.	FE.	TO.	AB.	C.	L.	TO.	DI.	L.	R.	TO.	AD.	INF.	PAN.	
Wayne,		1848 Mrs. Sarah S. Collier,	Luther E. Brown,	'84	05	36	81	117	10	0	6	6	3	4	26	33	0	125		
Webster, Ann Arbor.	R.D. 1.	60 Dwight B. Sears,	[Arthur W. Mumford, M. E.]	'96	09	24	64	14	2	0	2	0	1	0	1	0	0	50		
Wells,		1905 Charles U. Woolpert,	1886 Herbert N. Hood,		17	29	46	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
West, Adrian,		1896 Olan J. Houghton, ^b	[John Gray, M. P.]	'82	05	29	48	77	12	0	0	0	1	1	1	3	0	20		
Westville,		1843 Charles M. Fuller,	5	11	16	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Wheatland,		1877 Lewis W. Fuller,	Chester C. Ormans,	'91	10	13	35	48	16	0	2	2	7	0	9	41	0	70		
White Cloud,		1900 Dr. J. P. Pardon,	Richard T. Boyd,	'94	09	1	12	13	0	0	2	0	9	4	13	0	1	1		
Whiteford Center,		1876 Frederick Norman,	Andrew B. Innis,	'06	09	15	28	43	0	13	10	23	0	0	39	39	0	3		
Whitelaw,		1879 Milo Vannetter,	C. Henry Cole,	'09	08	11	25	36	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	25		
White Rock,		1883 John E. Wiggins,	Charles W. Jones,	'95	08	23	44	67	7	6	0	6	0	0	0	0	0	80		
Williamston,		1892 Archie P. Stiles,	Arthur G. Beach,	'01	07	73	174	247	40	7	6	13	3	12	0	15	7	150		
Wolverine,																				
Wyandotte,																				
Ypsilanti,																				

^a Ann Arbor, R. D. 1.

^b Stanton, R. D. 4.

^c Hudson.

NAME OF STATE ORGANIZATION: Michigan Congregational Conference.
NAMES OF CHURCHES ADDED: Long Rapids; Muskegon; Jackson St.
NAMES OF CHURCHES CHANGED: Detroit; North and Woodward Ave.;
merged Detroit, North Woodward Ave.; Alpine and Walker, to Alpine
Trinity.

NAMES OF CHURCHES DROPPED: Berryville; Jerome; Kinderhook;
Tuzerne; Mo. Rd. No. St. Ignace; Whitaker.
CHURCHES: *Supplied by*— Pastors installed by council, 8; pastors rec-
ognized by council, 1; pastors otherwise, 178; licentiates, 52; supplies,
19; vacant, 70. Total, 323.

MINISTERS: Pastors installed by council, 8; pastors recognized by council,
1; pastors otherwise, 193; supplying churches, 19. Total, 221. With-
out charge, 65. Total number of ministers, 286.
MEMBERSHIP: No. of males, 10,372; No. of females, 22,484. Total,
32,856. Absent, 4,624. *Additions*,—on confession, 1,641; by letter,
1,184. Total, 2,825. *Removals*,—death, 379; dismissal, 1,093;
revision, 1,444. Total, 2,916.
BAPTISMS: Adults, 735; infants, 693.

CHURCHES Place	SUNDAY SCHOOL.		V.P.S.										BENEFICENCE						SALARIES, VALUES, ETC.				
	Superintendent	Mem.	Mem.	Mem.	Mem.	Mem.	Mem.	Mem.	Mem.	Mem.	Mem.	Mem.	Mem.	Mem.	Mem.	Mem.	Mem.	Mem.	Home Exp.	Salary, etc.	Ch. etc.	Value of Ch. Prop.	Inv. Funds	Amt. of Debt
Wayne, Webster, Wells, West, Adrian, Westville, Wheatland, White Cloud, Whitelord Cntr., Whitball, White Rock, Williamston, Wolverine, Wyandotte, Ypsilanti,	Tracey O. Sweetland, Arthur Winslow, W. H. Knight, Elmer Knight, ^b L. W. Fuller, Mrs. Esther Hobart, ^c David E. Austin, John E. Wiggins, Arthur W. Edwards, Prof. W. P. Bowen,	h 54 h 120 174 75 75 59 85 143 140	145 45 30 41 7 14 15 33 15 35	45 \$ 5 5 4 7 15 5 5 15	\$ 13 \$ 5 41 55 14 12 5 5 5	\$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$	\$ 16 \$ 35 14 12 5 10 15 25	\$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$	\$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$	\$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$	\$ 29 458 10 45 400 129 675 100 75 18 8 372 896 600 2,180 1,200 1400	\$1,263 458 250 10 45 300 1,100 600 77 1902 631 700 8 78 83 600 1902 1900	\$850 500 1,900 10 45 69 '74 '77 1,902 75 8,000 8 3,000 83 3,000 83 2,000 *3,000 400	'49 '34 4,500 *3,500 2,000 *500 5,000 4,000 *3,000 8,000 *32,300 20,000	\$6,500 4,500 3,500 305	\$350							

^a Ann Arbor. R. D. 7.

^b Hudson, R. D. 1.

^c Ottawa Lake.

+ Missionary aid to salary. * No parsonage.

FAMILIES: 25,915.
SUNDAY SCHOOLS: Members, 36,621.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIETIES: Societies, 140; members, 6,035.
CONTRIBUTIONS: No. of churches contributing, 267. Foreign Missions, \$43,982; Education, \$6,121; Church Building, \$6,421; Home Missions, \$18,638; American Missionary Association, \$4,307; Sunday Schools, \$5,323; Ministerial Aid, \$1,710; Other, \$9,263. Total, \$95,777.

HOME EXPENSES: No. of churches reporting, 260; amount, \$360,916.
INCREASE: Benevolence, \$22,521; Home Expense, \$28,115.
DECREASE: Churches, 7; Members, 91; Sunday School Members, 123;
Value of Property, \$42,550; Amount of Debt, \$3,882.
LEGACIES: Ada, \$100; Arnedia, \$200; Cheboygan, \$75; Grand Rapids, Park, \$5,000; Manistee, \$2,000; Muskegon, \$15,000. Total, \$22,375.

YEARS.	MEMBERS.					BAPTISMS.		Number in Sunday Schools.	Number in Families.	Home Benevo- lences.			
	Churches.			Ministers.		Adult.	Infant.						
	Males.	Females.	Total.	Gain.	Loss.								
1845.....	53	31	941	1,173	2,114	978	71	1,864	.....	.....	
1846.....	53	43	2,332	2,325	218	94	2,229	.....	.....	.....
1851.....	61	63	1,193	3,925	1,193	3,925	94	3,798	.....	.....	
1852.....	87	72	3,832	3,832	307	307	94	3,264	.....	.....	
1853.....	83	70	4,274	4,274	442	442	94	3,991	.....	.....	
1854.....	101	87	4,934	4,934	600	600	94	4,461	.....	.....	
1855.....	106	72	4,987	4,987	53	53	94	4,462	.....	.....	
1856.....	110	92	5,462	5,462	475	475	66	5,396	.....	.....	
1857.....	109	88	5,396	5,396	475	475	66	5,396	.....	.....	
1858.....	116	89	6,188	6,188	792	792	94	6,188	.....	.....	
1859.....	118	105	6,768	6,768	792	792	94	6,768	.....	.....	
1860.....	130	101	5,756	4,499	7,355	587	94	5,756	.....	.....	
1861.....	135	100	4,683	9,581	182	733	94	4,683	.....	.....	
1862.....	129	110	7,437	7,437	101	123	94	7,437	.....	.....	
1863.....	134	124	8,942	8,942	883	101	94	8,942	.....	.....	
1864.....	146	114	5,197	8,190	348	1,012	94	5,197	.....	.....	
1865.....	141	131	3,930	8,427	287	191	94	3,930	.....	.....	
1866.....	132	132	8,372	8,372	101	154	94	8,372	.....	.....	
1867.....	150	578	8,372	552	552	101	94	8,372	.....	.....	
1868.....	155	138	9,824	552	1,141	300	94	9,824	.....	.....	
1869.....	164	140	3,429	6,449	512	924	94	3,429	.....	.....	
1870.....	176	151	4,129	6,969	1,024	340	94	4,129	.....	.....	
1871.....	173	156	4,258	7,414	657	1,024	94	4,258	.....	.....	
1872.....	179	156	7,226	11,984	374	188	94	7,226	.....	.....	
1873.....	191	173	7,929	12,346	413	162	94	7,929	.....	.....	
1874.....	195	176	8,140	12,625	362	151	94	8,140	.....	.....	
1875.....	199	174	4,755	8,506	52	162	94	4,755	.....	.....	
1876.....	196	176	4,118	8,491	1,024	146	94	4,118	.....	.....	
1877.....	211	175	4,940	13,935	433	216	94	4,940	.....	.....	
1878.....	185	188	8,985	15,706	726	1,024	94	8,985	.....	.....	
1879.....	224	10,083	16,911	1,761	609	609	94	16,911	.....	.....	
1880.....	233	10,919	16,911	1,201	1,707	1,707	94	16,911	.....	.....	
1881.....	236	104	11,919	11,919	231	231	94	11,919	.....	.....	
1882.....	248	11,919	11,919	78	2,120	2,120	94	11,919	.....	.....	
1883.....	245	11,919	11,919	53	225	225	94	11,919	.....	.....	
1884.....	263	233	11,919	11,919	2442	2442	94	11,919	.....	.....	
1885.....	265	248	5,975	11,534	522	246	94	5,975	.....	.....	
1886.....	269	245	6,651	12,920	2,421	247	94	6,651	.....	.....	
1887.....	281	241	6,649	18,670	440	248	94	6,649	.....	.....	
1888.....	288	242	18,905	1,185	2,546	837	94	18,905	.....	.....	
1889.....	286	109	21,238	1,483	1,196	331	94	21,238	.....	.....	
1890.....	311	257	7,250	14,482	21,632	394	94	7,250	.....	.....	
1891.....	314	262	7,440	15,204	22,644	1,012	94	7,440	.....	.....	
1892.....	320	265	6,233	11,997	522	2,421	94	6,233	.....	.....	
1893.....	321	265	6,651	12,419	721	2,421	94	6,651	.....	.....	
1894.....	321	265	6,771	24,671	850	2,421	94	6,771	.....	.....	
1895.....	327	307	8,399	17,704	1,492	2,421	94	8,399	.....	.....	
1896.....	345	307	19,011	26,103	1,482	2,421	94	19,011	.....	.....	
1897.....	345	307	28,148	20,465	1,482	2,421	94	28,148	.....	.....	
1898.....	345	307	20,346	29,922	1,482	2,421	94	20,346	.....	.....	
1899.....	345	307	9,576	29,922	1,744	2,421	94	9,576	.....	.....	
1900.....	345	307	11,922	20,774	1,744	2,421	94	11,922	.....	.....	
1901.....	345	307	9,826	30,600	3,938	1,141	94	9,826	.....	.....	
1902.....	345	307	20,774	30,600	3,938	1,141	94	20,774	.....	.....	
1903.....	345	307	17,704	17,704	3,938	1,141	94	17,704	.....	.....	
1904.....	345	307	19,011	19,011	3,938	1,141	94	19,011	.....	.....	
1905.....	345	307	19,011	19,011	3,938	1,141	94	19,011	.....	.....	
1906.....	345	307	19,011	19,011	3,938	1,141	94	19,011	.....	.....	
1907.....	345	307	19,011	19,011	3,938	1,141	94	19,011	.....	.....	
1908.....	345	307	19,011	19,011	3,938	1,141	94	19,011	.....	.....	
1909.....	345	307	19,011	19,011	3,938	1,141	94	19,011	.....	.....	
1910.....	345	307	19,011	19,011	3,938	1,141	94	19,011	.....	.....	
1911.....	345	307	19,011	19,011	3,938	1,141	94	19,011	.....	.....	
1912.....	345	307	19,011	19,011	3,938	1,141	94	19,011	.....	.....	
1913.....	345	307	19,011	19,011	3,938	1,141	94	19,011	.....	.....	
1914.....	345	307	19,011	19,011	3,938	1,141	94	19,011	.....	.....	
1915.....	345	307	19,011	19,011	3,938	1,141	94	19,011	.....	.....	
1916.....	345	307	19,011	19,011	3,938	1,141	94	19,011	.....	.....	
1917.....	345	307	19,011	19,011	3,938	1,141	94	19,011	.....	.....	
1918.....	345	307	19,011	19,011	3,938	1,141	94	19,011	.....	.....	
1919.....	345	307	19,011	19,011	3,938	1,141	94	19,011	.....	.....	
1920.....	345	307	19,011	19,011	3,938	1,141	94	19,011	.....	.....	
1921.....	345	307	19,011	19,011	3,938	1,141	94	19,011	.....	.....	
1922.....	345	307	19,011	19,011	3,938	1,141	94	19,011	.....	.....	
1923.....	345	307	19,011	19,011	3,938	1,141	94	19,011	.....	.....	
1924.....	345	307	19,011	19,011	3,938	1,141	94	19,011	.....	.....	
1925.....	345	307	19,011	19,011	3,938	1,141	94	19,011	.....	.....	
1926.....	345	307	19,011	19,011	3,938	1,141	94	19,011	.....	.....	
1927.....	345	307	19,011	19,011	3,938	1,141	94	19,011	.....	.....	
1928.....	345	307	19,011	19,011	3,938	1,141	94	19,011	.....	.....	
1929.....	345	307	19,011	19,011	3,938	1,141	94	19,011	.....	.....	
1930.....	345	307	19,011	19,011	3,938	1,141	94	19,011	.....	.....	
1931.....	345	307	19,011	19,011	3,938	1,141	94	19,011	.....	.....	
1932.....	345	307	19,011	19,011	3,938	1,141	94	19,011	.....	.....	
1933.....	345	307	19,011	19,011	3,938	1,141	94	19,011	.....	.....	
1934.....	345	307	19,011	19,011	3,938	1,141	94	19,011	.....	.....	
1935.....	345	307	19,011	19,011	3,938	1,141	94	19,011	.....	.....	
1936.....	345	307	19,011	19,011	3,938	1,141	94	19,011	.....	.....	
1937.....	345	307	19,011	19,011	3,938	1,141	94	19,011	.....	.....	
1938.....	345	307	19,011	19,011	3,938	1,141	94	19,011	.....	.....	
1939.....	345	307	19,011	19,011	3,938	1,141	94	19,011	.....	.....	
1940.....	345	307	19,011	19,011	3,938	1,141	94	19,011	.....	.....	
1941.....	345	307	19,011	19,011	3,938	1,141	94	19,011	.....	.....	
1942.....	345	307	19,011	19,011	3,938	1,141	94	19,011	.....	.....	
1943.....	345	307	19,011	19,011	3,938	1,141	94	19,011	.....	.....	
1944.....	345	307	19,011	19,011	3,938	1,141	94	19,011	.....	.....	
1945.....	345	307	19,011	19,011	3,938	1,141	94	19,011	.....	.....	
1946.....	345	307	19,011	19,011	3,938	1,141	94	19,011	.....	.....	
1947.....	345	307	19,011	19,011	3,938	1,141	94	19,011	.....	.....	
1948.....	345	307	19,011	19,011	3,938	1,141	94	19,011	.....	.....	
1949.....	345	307	19,011	19,011	3,938	1,141	94	19,011	.....	.....	
1950.....	345	307	19,011	19,011	3,938	1,141	94	19,011	.....	.....	
1951.....	345	307	19,011	19,011	3,938	1,141	94	19,011	.....	.....	
1952.....	345	307	19,011	19,011	3,938	1,141	94	19,011	.....	.....	
1953.....	345	307	19,011	19,011	3,938	1,141	94	19,011	.....	.....	
1954.....	345	307	19,011	19,011	3,938	1,141	94	19,011	.....	.....	
1955.....	345	307	19,011	19,011	3,938	1,141							

YEARS.	Churches.	MEMBERS.					BAPTISMS.		Number in Sunday Schools.	Number in Y. P. S. C. E.	Number of Families	Benevo- lences.	Home Expen- ditures.					
		Ministers.			Gain.	Loss.	Absent	Adult.										
		Males.	Females.	Total.														
1897		347	291	10,282	21,340	31,622	1,022	3,637	1,102	42,110	14,602	22,568	\$61,937					
1898		344	302	10,463	21,914	32,377	755	3,722	597	42,684	14,305	22,795	57,702					
1899		341	291	10,309	21,658	32,022	555	3,689	493	40,928	14,026	24,057	80,534					
1900		340	305	10,368	21,820	32,183	161	3,670	669	51,010	39,780	13,078	24,523					
1901		340	303	10,198	21,771	31,969	214	4,262	762	629	38,437	11,502	107,351					
1902		344	307	10,371	22,276	32,647	678	4,434	846	605	37,647	10,524	25,496					
1903		346	301	10,492	22,372	32,864	217	4,938	638	514	37,314	9,930	25,613					
1904		344	281	10,285	22,072	32,357	507	4,863	543	606	36,473	8,799	25,801					
1905		336	257	10,132	21,796	31,928	429	4,756	574	615	35,677	8,242	28,353					
1906		356	275	10,350	22,153	32,408	475	4,575	698	658	36,803	9,934	26,335					
1907		331	288	10,262	22,217	32,479	76	4,871	756	641	36,941	7,472	28,574					
1908		331	280	10,267	22,192	32,459	20	4,928	579	661	35,962	6,873	27,642					
1909		332	284	10,448	22,505	32,948	480	4,754	666	607	36,744	6,413	25,683					
1910		323	286	10,284	22,292	32,888	110	4,624	735	608	36,021	6,085	25,915					

CHURCHES UNITED IN SUPPORT OF A PASTOR.

CHURCH.	UNITED WITH
Alba	Mancelona.
Allendale	Bass River.
Allenville	Brimley.
Athens	Leonidas.
Atlanta	Big Rock.
Bangor, 1st	Bangor, West.
Bangor, West	Bangor, 1st.
Baroda	Bridgman.
Bass River	Allendale.
Batavia	Sherwood.
Beacon Hill	Redridge.
Belford	Grand Blanc.
Bethel	Bronson.
Big Prairie	White Cloud.
Big Rapids, 1st	Big Rapids, Township.
Big Rapids, Township	Big Rapids, 1st.
Big Rock	Atlanta.
Bridgman	Baroda.
Brimley	Allenville.
Bronson	Bethel.
Buckley	Sherman.
Butternut	Crystal.
Carmel	Chester Station.
Carsonville	Port Sanilac.
Cedar	Maple City and Lake Ann.
Cedar Springs	East Nelson.
Central Lake	Ellsworth.
Ceresco	Fredonia.
Charlevoix	Ironton.
Chesterfield	New Haven.
Chester Station	Carmel.
Chippewa Lake	Rodney.
Clarksville	South Boston.
Cleon and Marilla	Oopemish and Thompsonville.
Coloma	Watervliet.
Columbus	Richmond.
Cooks	Isabella and Nahma.
Copemish	Thompsonville, Cleon and Marilla.
Coral	Howard City.
Corinth	Moline.
Crystal	Butternut.
Custer	Fern.
East Gilead	Algansee.
Eastlake	Onekama and Pleasanton.
Eastmanville	Lamont.

CHURCH.	UNITED WITH
East Nelson	Cedar Springs.
East Paris	Grand Rapids, East.
Edmore	Six Lakes.
Ellsworth	Central Lake.
Fayette	Garden.
Fenwick	Sheridan and Sidney.
Fern	Custer.
Flat Rock	Newport and Rockwood.
Freドonia	Ceresco.
Garden	Fayette.
Grand Blanc	Belford.
Grand Rapids, East	East Paris.
Grandville	Jenison.
Hamburg	Pinckney.
Hartland	Highland.
Hetherton	Johannesburg.
Highland	Hartland.
Hilliards	Hopkins, 2d.
Homestead	Honor.
Honor	Homestead.
Hopkins, 1st	Wayland.
Hopkins, 2d	Hilliards.
Howard City	Coral.
Ironton	Charlevoix.
Isabella	Cooks and Nahma.
Jackson, Plymouth	Sandstone.
Jenison	Grandville.
Johannesburg	Hetherton.
Kenton	Trout Creek.
Laingsburg	Victor.
Lamont	Eastmanville.
Lansing, Mayflower	Milletts.
Leonidas	Athens.
Linden	Tyrone.
Mancelona	Alba.
Maple City	Cedar and Lake Ann.
Milletts	Lansing, Mayflower.
Moline	Corinth.
Muskegon, Highland Park	Jackson, 1st.
Nahma	Cooks and Isabella.
Nevins Lake	Stanton and Westville.
New Haven	Chesterfield.
Newport	Flat Rock and Rockwood.
Omena	Suttons Bay.
Onekama	Eastlake and Pleasanton.
Perry	Shaftsburg.
Pinckney	Hamburg.
Pleasanton	Eastlake and Onekama.
Pine Grove	Rosedale
Port Sanilac	Carsonville.
Redridge	Beacon Hill.
Richmond	Columbus.
Rockwood	Flat Rock and Newport.
Rodney	Chippewa Lake.
Rondo	Wolverine.
Rosedale	Pine Grove.

CHURCH.	UNITED WITH
Salem, 1st.....	Salem, 2d.
Salem, 2d.....	Salem, 1st.
Sandstone	Jackson, Plymouth.
Shaftsbury.....	Perry.
Sheridan	Fenwick and Sidney.
Sherman	Buckley.
Sherwood	Batavia.
Sidney	Sheridan and Fenwick.
Six Lakes	Edmore.
South Boston.....	Clarksville.
Stanton	Nevins Lake and Westville.
Suttons Bay.....	Omena.
Thompsonville.....	Copemish, and Cleon and Marilla.
Trout Creek	Kenton.
Tyrone	Linden.
Victor.....	Laingsburg.
Watervliet	Coloma.
Wayland	Hopkins, 1st.
Westville	Stanton and Nevins Lake.
White Cloud	Big Prairie.
Wolverine	Rondo.

NAMES OF MINISTERS

CONNECTED WITH THE MICHIGAN CONGREGATIONAL CONFERENCE, WITH DATE OF ORDINATION, POSTOFFICE ADDRESS, AND THE INITIALS OF THE LOCAL ASSOCIATIONS WITH WHICH THEY ARE CONNECTED.

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Name.	Date of Ordination.	Residence.	Association.
Adams, Robert	1876, July 27	Harlan	G. T.
Allen, William C.	1878, Oct. 9	Leslie	J.
Allington, A. A.	1906, May 26	Traverse City	G. T.
Allison, Alexander L.	1903, July 1		G. R.
Appleton, Harry	1891, Mar. 18	S. S. Marie	S. S. M.
Ashby, John H.	1878, Jan. 21	Ovid	So.
Atkins, Doane R.	1877,	So. Haven	L. S.
Atkins, Gaius Glenn	1895, Jan. 2	Providence, R. I.	D.
Ayer, Edwin I.	1883, Aug. 29	Traverse City	G. T.
Bagnall, Frederick	1886, June 17	Hart	M.
Banister, Charles D.	1886, June 16	Merrill	S.
Barrett, Mandus	1908, Dec. 1	Calumet	L. S.
Baxter, Thomas G.	1883, Mar. 19	Prattville	So.
Beach, Arthur G.	1897, Oct. 19	Ypsilanti	J.
Bell, Ira W.	1874, Sept. 20	Pittsford, R. D.	So.
Benford, George	1881, Aug. 31	Grand Blanc	Gen.
Bennett, Thomas E.	1907, May 14	Vernon	G. T.
Bentall, Alfred	1902, May 13	Northport	G. T.
Binkhorst, Arie	1895, Apr. 25	Cody, Wyo.	O.
Bishop, Edwin W.	1898, Nov. 11	Grand Rapids	G. R.
Blair, Allen J.	1899, Aug. 29	Jackson	J.
Blair, David G.	1892, Feb. 1	Big Rapids	N. C.
Bliss, John	1883, Sept. 16	Crystal	L.
Blomfield, Frank	1887, Jan. 25	Muskegon	M.
Bodman, Frederick H.	1905, May 27	Battle Creek	J.
Bradley, Nelson S.	1889, Mar. 12	Saginaw	S.
Brown, G. E.	1908, Sept. 29	Chippewa Lake	L.
Brown, Luther E.	1884, Oct. 15	Wayne	D.
Brownback, George W.	1899, June 18	Saugatuck	G. R.
Bullock, Mortier C.	1906, June 22	Grandville	G. R.
Bunker, Fred R.	1888, Sept. 8	Medfield, Mass.	O.
Burtt, Benjamin H.	1889, July 23	Ludington	N. C.
Bush, Fred R.	1902, June 10	Middleville	G. R.
Bush, Fred W.	1871, May 16	Douglas	G. R.
Calhoun, Charles S.	1901, Sept. 12	Dexter	J.
Campbell, William J.	1906, Sept. 26	Port Huron	E.
Carson, Samuel	1904, Mar. 23	Grand Haven	M.
Carrick, Charles W.	1881, Jan. 5	Clarksville	G. R.
Chapin, Franklin M.	1880, May 20	Vanderbilt	C.
Childs, William	1891, June 24	Kalkaska	C.
Clafin, John	1886, Nov. 16	Eaton Rapids	J.
Clutterbuck, J. G.	1899, Apr. 26	Armada	E.
Coate Henry	1874, July 8	Morenci	So.

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Cochlin, Demas	1890, Dec. 2	Traverse City	G. T.
Cole, G. Henry	1909, June 16	Wolverine	C.
Colledge, William A.	1885, May 2	Chicago, Ill.	N. C.
Collin, Henry P.	1869, Nov. 25	Coldwater	So.
Collins, Edrie	1909, Oct. 19	Belding	L.
Corbett, Fred W.	1892, Sept. 18	Lansing	L.
Corey, Ephriam M.	1872, Feb. 22	Bellaire	O.
Coulter, Cyrenius N.	1867, Sept. 19	Traverse City	G. T.
Courter, John E.	1888, Oct. 18	Pittsford	So.
Crawford, O. D.	1872, Nov. 1	Hersey	N. C.
Crips, Philip M.	1878, Sept. 15	Grand Rapids	G. R.
Currie, A. Harlan	1906, Dec. 4	Detroit	D.
Curtis, Anson B.	1886, Sept. 12	Speer, Ill.	O.
Daniels, Joseph L.	1876, Apr. 27	Tryon, No. Car.	O.
Davis, George W.	1886, Sept.	Tolt, Wash.	K.
Dean, Frederick A.	1896, Nov. 18	Clayton	O.
Deighton, Fred	1909, Apr. 22	Redridge	L. S.
Dell, George W.	1885, Oct. 25	Nichols, N. Y.	L.
DePuy, Wellington	1884, Dec. 11	Grand Ledge	L.
Dickerman, Josiah P.	1891, June 1	Montevideo, Minn.	D.
Dickinson, W. B.	1906, May 18	Kalamazoo	K.
Diefenbach, Arthur C.	1908, Nov. 9	Benton Harbor	K.
Donovan, John L.	1905, Aug. 9	Chicago, Ill.	O.
D'Ooge, Martin L.	1878, Oct. 16	Ann Arbor	J.
Duff, Rolph J.	1873, Apr. 25	Detroit	E.
Elliot, Chas.	1901, June	Vicksburg	K.
Empson, George C.	1868, May 24	Gladstone	Gl.
Endy, George P.	1902, Oct. 30	Almont	So.
Eppens, Edward H.	1898, June 28	Memphis	E.
Erskine, John W.	1900, Dec. 4	Grand Haven	S.
Etheridge, William	1897, Apr. 7	Roscommon	S. S. M.
Evans, Ernest	1895, Sept. 15	Flint	Gen.
Fairbanks, Arthur	1892, Jan.	Boston, Mass.	J.
Fellows, C. B.	1878, June 25	Grand Rapids	G. R.
Feather, Franklin J.	1899, Apr. 8	Bedford	O.
Finster, Clarence	1878, Mar. 21	Rockford	G. R.
Forbush, William Byron	1892, Feb. 18	Detroit	D.
Foster, Frank H.	1877, Sept. 12	Olivet	O.
France, Parvin M.	1873, Oct. 12	Coloma	K.
Frost, Lewis C.	1895, June 26	Standish	S.
Fryer, James F.	1899, July 11	Cheboygan	C.
Fulkerson, Frank	1902, Feb. 22	Thompsonville	G. T.
Gadd, William W.	1888, Sept. 15	Richmond	E.
Gates, A. C.	1907, Sept. 3	Pinckney	J.
Gibson, John C.	1898, May 6	Durand	Gen.
Gillespie, John S.	1896, July 3	Sturgis	So.
Gillett, William R.	1885, Aug. 20	Chicago, Ill.	E.
Gilmour, George S.	1902, Mar. 12	Chicago, Ill.	K.
Glasson, Joseph	1878, Sept. 20	Ypsilanti	C.
Goodrich, Darius N.	1865, June 19	Olivet	O.
Gordon, Robert	1887, Mar. 25	Somerset Center	So.
Gould, J. Sidney	1894, Oct. 17	Hancock	L. S.
Graff, Franklin L.	1890,	Toledo, O.	E.
Grant, M. Lee	1901, June 5	Chelsea	J.

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Green, Chester W.	1889,	Linden	Gen.
Grieshaber, Charles O.	1897, May 7	Grand Rapids	G. R.
Griggs, R. Eugene	1890,	Wacousta	So.
Grinnell, Edward I.		Mulliken	L.
Hadden, Archibald	1880, Dec. 15	Muskegon	M.
Hageman, James C.	1897, Feb. 28	Rochester	D.
Hague, L. E.	1908, Aug. 30	Conklin	G. R.
Halliday, James F.		Greenville	G. R.
Hancock, George H.	1886, Apr. 7	Grand Rapids	G. R.
Hanks, Carlos H.	1888, Sept. 21	Owosso	Gen.
Harger, Charles H.	1898, June 27	Benzonia	G. T.
Harbridge, Edward H.	1884, Sept. 1	Athens	O.
Harbridge, Clara L.	1898, July 19	Athens	O.
Harvey Edward H.	1872, May	Paw Paw	K.
Hawley, Calvin F.	1854, April	Alpha, Ill.	Gl.
Heator, George W.	1886, Sept. 12	Cadillac	N. C.
Hill, George	1888, Sept. 18	Dundee	D.
Holbrook, David L.	1877, July 19	Union City	J.
Holman, David A.	1891, Apr. 14	Grand Rapids	G. R.
Holmes, Thomas	1844, Nov. 8	Chelsea	J.
Houston Robert	1891, May 18	Johannesburg	Gl.
Hoyt, Hiram L.	1886, July 1	Pomona, Cal.	Gen.
Hull, John H.	1882, Dec.	Frankfort	G. T.
Hunt, Henry W.	1884, Sept. 17	Romeo	E.
Husted, John T.	1868, Oct. 4	Grand Rapids	G. R.
Hutchinson, John F.	1893, Nov. 8	Flat Rock	D.
Hyslop, James	1885, Mar. 20	Newport, Ky.	Gen.
Imrie, Andrew B.	1906, Nov. 8	Whitehall	M.
Jacobs, William J.	1896, Sept. 1	Detroit	D.
Jones, Ira B.	1879, Sept. 1	Toledo, O.	G. R.
Jones, Trevor C.	1893, June 6	Durand	Gen.
Kedzie, William Roscoe	1902, July 11	Pontiac	D.
Kelley, Samuel E.	1894, June 3	Reed City	N. C.
Kempton, A. Joseph	1901, Sept. 18	Addison	So.
Kent, Thomas	1865,	Minneapolis, Minn.	D.
Kern, Herbert A.	1886, Nov. 28	Reading	So.
King, Walter D.	1881, Nov. 16	Lamont	G. R.
Kinney, George W.	1898, Sept. 5	Baldwin	N. C.
Kirkland, L. A.	1899, Nov. 27	Bellaire	C.
Knowles, Matthew	1889, Oct. 31	Salem	J.
Kozielek, Paul	1905, May 29	Detroit	D.
Lambrecht, John	1900, Sept. 7	Mancelona	C.
Lancaster, Ellsworth G.	1889, Sept. 19	Olivet	O.
Lanphear, Nathaniel D.	1876, Nov. 14	O'livet	O.
Lash, Abraham H.	1896, Aug. 12	Bronson	So.
Lee, Lucius O.	1875, Nov. 17	Marash, Turkey	Gen.
Lennox, Alex. McC.	1895, Nov. 20	Detroit	E.
Lewis, Jacob H.	1863, Sept. 27	Freeland	S.
Lillie, Isaac B.	1886, Aug. 31	Hudsonville	G. R.
Linkletter, Elihu	1876, Aug. 17	Benzonia	G. T.
Long, Clarence W.	1902, Apr. 4	Allegan	K.
Long, Luther K.	1893, Sept. 9	Calumet	L. S.
Lyman, H. M.	1892, Aug. 13	Covert	K.
McComas, Henry C.	1900, Oct. 19	Cambridge, Mass.	N. C.

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McConnell, Herbert	1898, Jan. 26	Grand Rapids	G. R.
McNair, David C.	1879, Oct. 30	Wayne	D.
McRoberts, Thomas R.	1891, June 25	Charlotte	O.
Massey, William J.	1896, Sept. 20	Big Rapids, R. D.	L.
Millar, William	1892, Sept. 22	Grand Rapids	K.
Miller, C. Perry	1884, Oct. 5	Montrose	O.
Millington, E. J.	1908, May 7	Cadillac	N. C.
Mills, Harlow S.	1877, June 5	Benzonia	G. T.
Minty, William A.	1901, Nov. 19	Lansing	L.
Mitchell, William	1857, Nov. 4	Detroit	D.
Moore, Gainer P.	1889, Sept. 26	Battle Creek	D.
Morehouse, Ezra S.	1894, Jan. 30	Kalamazoo	K.
Morris, Samuel T.	1890, Oct. 28	Grand Rapids	G. R.
Myers, Noah J.	1886, Aug. 28	Clare	N. C.
Mylne, George W.	1892, Jan. 12	Laingsburg	Gen.
Norton, Milton J.	1897, Oct. 15	Three Oaks	K.
Ogg, William D.	1899, Oct. 20	Lowell	G. R.
Omans, Chester C.	1891, Aug. 30	White Cloud	M.
Ostrander, Lincoln	1897, Aug. 5	Flint, R. D.	Gen.
Otis, James A.	1899, Dec. 20	Grand Junction	K.
Otis, Jonathan T.	1877, Sept. 22	Grand Junction	K.
Otis, Norman L.	1859, Sept. 18	Palo	L.
Parker, Thomas	1870, Oct. 24	Grandville	G. R.
Parsons, St. Clare	1908, Dec. 15	Vermontville	O.
Patchell, Charles T.	1890, April 2	Bay City	S.
Patton, Carl S.	1892, Sept. 28	Ann Arbor	J.
Pierce, Nathan W.	1869, Sept. 5	Linden	Gen.
Pillsbury, F. C.		Detroit	D.
Pinch, Fred	1909, Mar. 16	Addison	So.
Pollard, George A.	1855, Sept. 26	Grand Rapids	G. R.
Pomeroy, Albert E.	1898, Sept. 4	Saginaw	S.
Povey, Jesse	1865, June	Lake Linden	L. S.
Powley, Malcolm J.	1897, May 2	Perry	Gen.
Prestidge, William J.	1902, July 14	Lake Odessa	O.
Preston, Jared R.	1865, June 22	North Adams	So.
Preston, William F.	1887, Sept. 10	Jackson	O.
Putnam, Holden A.	1886, Oct. 7	Charlevoix	C.
Rich, Ulysses G.	1889, Apr. 18	Gaylord	C.
Richie, David H.	1889, Aug. 14	Shelby	M.
Robbins, Benson C.	1885, Sept. 6	Freesoil	G. T.
Robinson, Clarence E.	1906, May 7	Lockeford, Cal.	L.
Robinson, James M.	1878, Sept. 8	Detroit	D.
Rowland, Levi P.	1896, Oct. 26	Grand Rapids	G. R.
Russnell, J. A.	1901, June 16		M.
Sanderson, John P.	1876, Aug. 20	Lansing	L.
Sargent, William H.	1899, Oct. 16	Chicago, Ill.	E.
Sass, F. W.	1909, Oct. 12	Muskegon	M.
Schermerhorn, Peter	1884, Aug. 25	Onondaga	O.
Scouten, M. F.	1886	Fremont	M.
Seaver, Charles H.	1877, Dec. 29	Wilson, Kan.	G. R.
Secord, Albert	1900, Sept. 6	Lakeview	L.
Seiler, Galen W.	1870, June 15	Hillsdale	K.
Shannon, William H.	1881, Nov. 8	East Leroy	So.
Sherwood, John W.	1899, Sept. 7	Howard City	G. R.

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Skeele, A. F.	1882, Feb. 21	Olivet	O.
Skentlebury, Wm. H.	1875, July 7	Grand Junction	K.
Smith, A. F.	1883, Sept. 28	Freeland	S.
Smits, Bastian	1884, Aug. 29	Jackson	J.
Snelgrove, Andrew H.	1881, Oct. 2	Olivet	O.
Shyder, Henry C.	1888, July 20	Morrice	K.
Soule, A. F.	1906, Sept. 3	Gettysburg, S. D.	L.
Speer, Gorton C.	1910, May 4	New Haven	E.
Sprague, Frederick P.	1896, Feb. 10	Shelby	M.
Staley, John J.	1894, April 4	Manistee	G. T.
Stapleton, Robert S.	1877, Jan. 28	Saginaw	S.
Steenisma, Wm.	1910, April 12	Chassell	L. S.
Stevens, Wilmot E.	1900, Feb. 27	Constantine	K.
Stevenson, W. D. J.	1885, Aug. 26	Watervliet	K.
Stone, Edward P.	1861, Oct. 15	Rutland, Vt.	E.
Stoneman, Albert H.	1900, June 26	St. Joseph	K.
Strickland, George D.	1889, April 30	Drummond	S. S. M.
Stuart, Irving W.	1904, Sept. 8	Alpena	S.
Sutherland, John W.	1876, Sept. 3	Lansing	D.
Sweet, Milo J.	1900, Feb. 6	Hudson	So.
Swing, Albert T.	1878, June 25	Oberlin, O.	D.
Taggart, Charles E.	1886, July 14	Litchfield	So.
Taylor, Charles I.	1886, Nov. 8	Portland	Gen.
Terborgh, Isaac	1894, Oct. 17	Brant, Alberta	K.
Thompson, Karl O.	1907, April 3	Grand Rapids	G. R.
Townsend, J. C.	1901, Sept. 16	Detroit (Highland Park)	D.
Townsend, Morris B.	1894, May 8	Grand Rapids	D.
Tripp, Ira J.	1901, Oct. 9	Yampa, Col.	So.
Truman, Daniel	1887, June 17	Newaygo	M.
Tubbs, Charles S.	1907, May 7	Clinton	So.
Upham, Clement	1908, May 9	Central Lake	C.
Van Auken, Abram	1879, Feb. 26	Vanderbilt	G. T.
Vaughan, Stephen	1895, May 13	Hopkins	K.
Walker, John T.	1880, July 1	Dowagiac	K.
Walker, William H.	1894, Oct. 18	South Haven	K.
Wall, Arthur A.	1883, Sept. 26	Gridley, Ill.	J.
Wallace, Mac H.	1888, Sept. 12	Detroit	D.
Ward, Frank G.	1894, Oct. 17	Chicago, Ill.	L.
Warren, Joy M.	1888, Oct. 31	Olivet	O.
Warren, Leroy	1862, Oct. 12	Old Mission	G. T.
Warren, Wm. H.	1869, Dec. 7	Detroit	D.
Waters, W. L.	1908, Dec. 1	Cambridge, Mass.	L.
Wellwood, Samuel D.	1896, Nov. 24	Grass Lake	J.
Whitcomb, George C.	1878, Sept 21	Coldwater	So.
Wiedenhoeft, William	1889, Dec. 16	Stanton	L.
Williams, Theodore C.	1901, Sept. 6	Imlay City	K.
Williams, Wolcott B.	1854, Feb. 3	Charlotte	O.
Willoughby, A. S.	1890, Oct. 29	Three Rivers	N. C.
Wilson, Henry	1877, Jan. 4	Covert	K.
Wisse, I.	1905, Oct. 17	Grand Rapids	M.
Woodmansee, F. M.	1899, Nov. 13	Custer	N. C.

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